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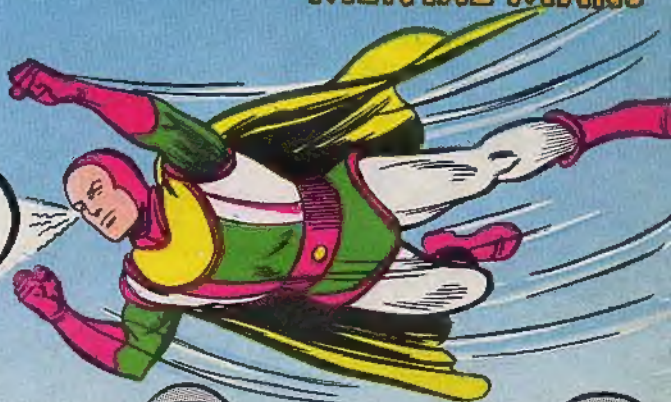
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Featuring
SUPERMAN'S
NEWEST RIVAL
in "The
ADVENTURES
OF
MENTAL-MAN!

SURE HE
HAS GREATER
POWERS THAN
I HAVE, LOIS,
BUT HE'S ONLY
AN IMAGINARY
CHARACTER!

BUT-- BUT
HE'S *REAL*!
THERE HE
IS NOW!



Starting **SUNDAY** in the
DAILY & PLANET
A Sensational Comic Strip Hero
"The **ADVENTURES of MENTAL-MAN**"

WE'LL
HAVE THE
SAFE OPEN
IN A JIFFY!

THIS LOOKS LIKE
A JOB FOR
MENTAL-MAN!



LOOK! HE'S
LIFTING IT BY
THOUGHT
CONTROL!



BUZZY

says:

"WORK CAN BE FUN!"

I HEAR BUZZY AND SUSIE ARE DOING SOME PART-TIME WORK THESE DAYS-- AND FOR NOTHING, TOO, THE SAPS.

BUT THEY'RE SURE HAVING FUN... I WENT OVER TO SEE THEM THE OTHER DAY...



"FIRST THING I SAW WAS SUSIE PLAYING WITH THE LITTLE KIDS AT THE SWINGS... AND HAVING A GOOD TIME DOING IT..."



"THEN I WATCHED BUZZY TEACHING KIDS TO SWIM. WHILE I WAS THERE, ONE LITTLE KID SWAM HIS FIRST FEW STROKES ALONE. BOY, WAS BUZZY PROUD!"



THAT'S IT, FELLA. YOU'RE GETTING IT!

"AFTER A WHILE, SUSIE STARTED HER CLASS IN TENNIS. SHE SAYS MOST OF THE KIDS THAT COME TO THE DAY CAMP LOVE TO LEARN NEW SPORTS AND GAMES."



"LATER ON, A CLUB OF BOYS GOT TOGETHER FOR A MEETING. BUZZY'S THEIR 'ADVISER'. YOU COULD SEE THEY FELT HE WAS ALMOST LIKE A BIG BROTHER."



BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM? THEY WORK FOR NOTHING!

I SEE WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM. THEY HAVE A SWELL TIME AND LEARN THINGS THAT MIGHT COME IN HANDY LATER WHEN THEY START LOOKING FOR JOBS. I THINK I'LL LOOK FOR SOME VOLUNTEER WORK MYSELF!



NO FOOLING, IT'S FUN TO SPEND PART OF YOUR TIME IN SUMMER DOING VOLUNTEER WORK, UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION. YOU GIVE A LOT AND GET A LOT, WHETHER IT'S IN A DAY CAMP, OR IN A HOSPITAL, OR THE DOZENS OF OTHER PLACES IN YOUR HOME-TOWN THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS.

BUZZY'S RIGHT. YOU'LL FIND IT ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES OF YOUR LIFE!



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H HE HAD MASTERED THE ART OF MIND OVER MATTER! WITH HIS AMAZING MENTAL POWERS, HE DEFIED ALL THE LAWS OF GRAVITY, AND COULD CHANGE ORDINARY METAL INTO PURE GOLD! YES, HERE WAS A PERSON MORE MIGHTY THAN SUPERMAN HIMSELF! IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY? WELL, YOU'RE DUE FOR A STUNNING SURPRISE WHEN YOU READ ABOUT...

"THE ADVENTURES of MENTAL-MAN!"

HE KNOWS THE SECRET OF MIND OVER MATTER! HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN SUPERMAN!

LOOK! MENTAL-MAN JUST GESTURED AND THE SAFE CAME OFF THE GROUND!



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ONE MORNING, IN THE OFFICES OF PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE DAILY PLANET...

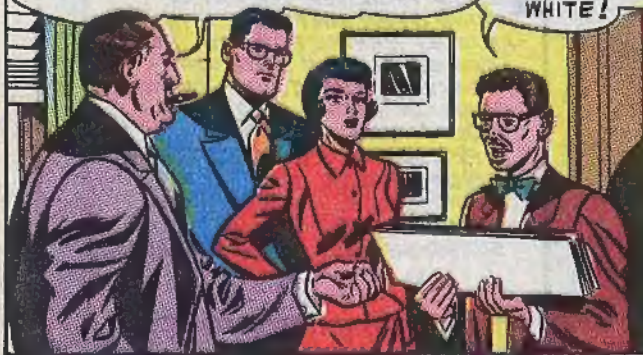
CLARK, YOU AND LOIS KNOW AL FALLON, ONE OF OUR STAFF ARTISTS! HE WANTS TO SHOW US A NEW COMIC STRIP IDEA HE'S BEEN WORKING ON!

YES, I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT HERE, MR. WHITE!

HMM... IT IS UNUSUAL!

HE'S SURE A STRANGE HERO! WHAT DO YOU CALL HIM?

MENTAL-MAN, THE EIGHTH WONDER!



NOT BAD, EH?

I'LL BLAST YA! GET OUTA MY WAY!

A FEW SWIFT CALCULATIONS--APPLIED THOUGHT COMMANDS--AND I CAN BREAK UP AND DESTROY THE VERY MOLECULES OF THE WEAPON!

YOW! TH-THE GUN DISAPPEARED! YOW!



I THINK SUCH A STRIP WOULD HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF POPULAR APPEAL!

EXCEPT, WHO'D BELIEVE SUCH A THING? WHY, THIS MENTAL-MAN WOULD BE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN SUPERMAN!

EXACTLY... AND HERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HIS POWERS! IN THIS SCENE, THE BIG NEON SIGN IS ABOUT TO FALL ON THE PEOPLE BELOW, BUT MENTAL-MAN SIMPLY COMMANDS IT TO FLOAT IN MID-AIR, WHILE THE PEOPLE FLEE SAFELY!



I'M CONVINCED WE SHOULD GIVE IT A TRY AND SEE WHAT SORT OF REACTION WE GET!

MIND OVER MATTER! HA, HA, WHAT WON'T THEY THINK OF NEXT?



THE NEW HERO'S AMAZING EXPLOITS BEGIN WITH A VERY TENDER TALE...

MENTAL-MAN! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I HEARD YOU WERE STRUCK WITH MISFORTUNE...I'VE COME TO HELP YOU OUT!



AND SO, WITHIN A FEW DAYS, A STARTLING FEATURE HITS THE COMIC PAGES OF THE DAILY PLANET...

INTRODUCING MENTAL-MAN! THE WORLD'S EIGHTH WONDER! HE BRINGS TO OUR TIME THE STRANGE POWERS OF THE ANCIENTS... THE POWER OF MIND OVER MATTER!



WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR US, MENTAL-MAN?

BY DEEP CONCENTRATION I CAN CHANGE THE VERY ELEMENTS OF THAT ORDINARY IRON STOVE INTO THOSE OF...

GOLD! DADDY--LOOK! THE STOVE HAS TURNED TO GOLD!

THUNDERATION! RIGHT BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

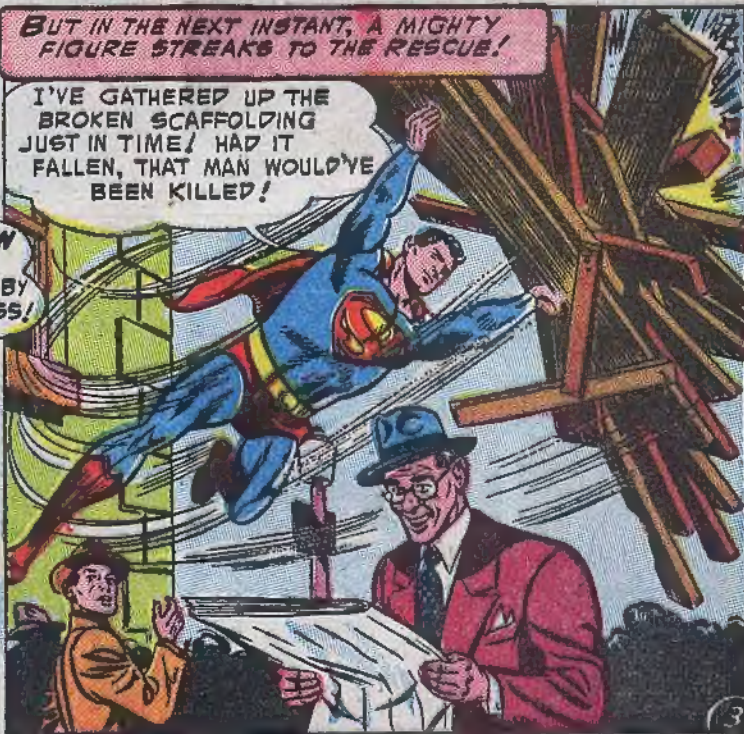


BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A MIGHTY FIGURE STREAKS TO THE RESCUE!

I'VE GATHERED UP THE BROKEN SCAFFOLDING JUST IN TIME! HAD IT FALLEN, THAT MAN WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED!

A MAN READING THE STRIP WALKS DOWN A STREET, UNAWARE OF DISASTER THREATENING OVERHEAD...

GOLLY! MENTAL-MAN CHANGED AN IRON STOVE TO GOLD BY A MENTAL PROCESS! TERRIFIC!



GEE, **SUPERMAN!** THAT **MENTAL-MAN** IS RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD! HE CAN DO ANYTHING! HAVE YOU READ HIS LATEST ESCAPE?

WHAT--? HE'S SO ENGROSSED, HE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT A NARROW ESCAPE HE HAD! THAT MUST BE SOME COMIC STRIP!



TWO DAYS LATER, IN PERRY WHITE'S OFFICE...

CONGRATULATIONS, AL! YOUR STRIP'S A SENSATION! **MENTAL-MAN** IS THE TALK OF METROPOLIS!

I DIDN'T THINK THE PUBLIC WOULD GO FOR THE IDEA OF A MAN MORE POWERFUL THAN **SUPERMAN**-- BUT I WAS WRONG!



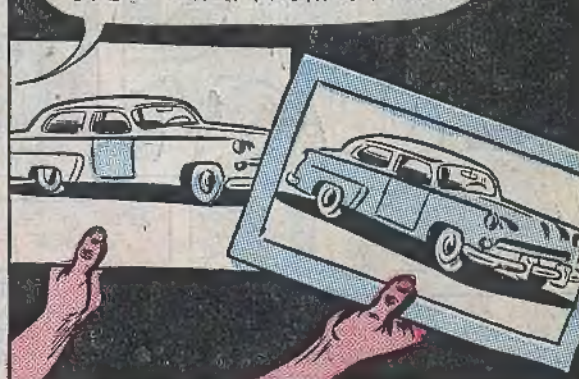
YES, **MENTAL-MAN** HAS CAPTURED EVERYONE'S FANCY-- ESPECIALLY THIS SHADY LITTLE GROUP IN AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT...

OKAY, INKY-- WHAT'S THAT GREAT ARTIST'S BRAIN OF YOURS FIGURED OUT NOW?

LOOK-- I'M MAKING AN EXACT TRACING OF A CAR FROM A PHOTO...



AND HERE, BESIDE THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY, IS AN ORDINARY FREE-HAND DRAWING OF THE SAME CAR! NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE? YOU CAN TELL THAT ONE IS TAKEN FROM A PHOTO!



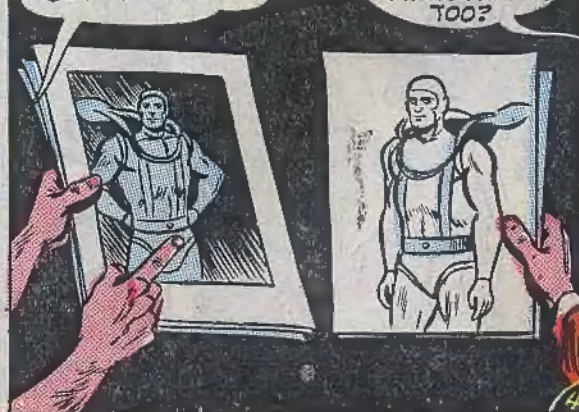
YEAH? SO WOT?... AN' WHO CARES? A DRAWIN' IS A DRAWIN'!

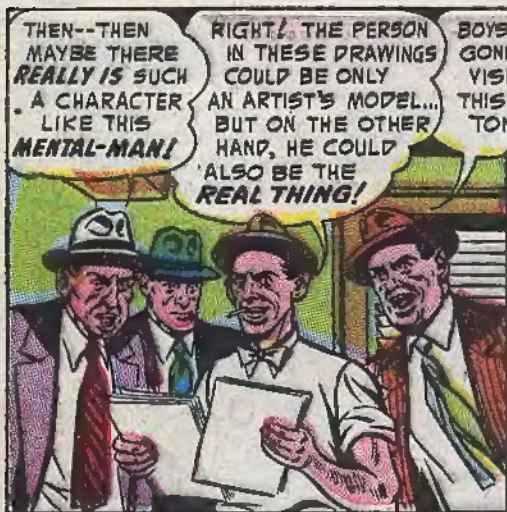
YOU THINK SO? WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU! TAKE A LOOK AT THESE DRAWINGS OF **MENTAL-MAN**!



NOTICE HOW THEY'RE DONE?... IN THE SAME STYLE AS THE CAR DRAWING I TRACED FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH! GET IT NOW?

Y-YOU MEAN, **MENTAL-MAN** IS DRAWN FROM PHOTOGRAPHS, TOO?





THEN--THEN
MAYBE THERE
REALLY IS SUCH
A CHARACTER
LIKE THIS
MENTAL-MAN!

RIGHT! THE PERSON
IN THESE DRAWINGS
COULD BE ONLY
AN ARTIST'S MODEL...
BUT ON THE OTHER
HAND, HE COULD
ALSO BE THE
REAL THING!

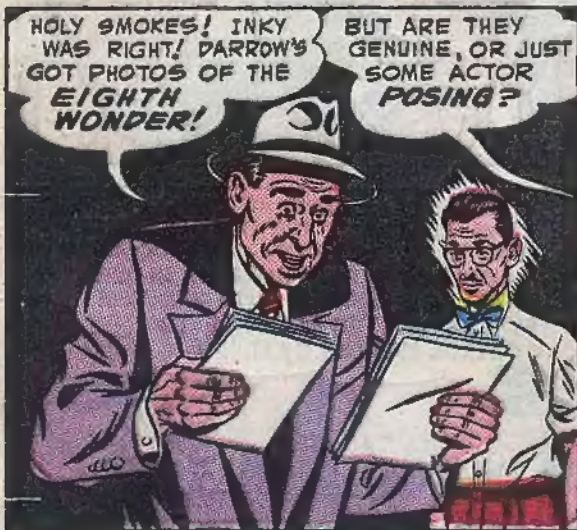
BOYS, WE'RE
GONNA PAY A
VISIT TO
THIS ARTIST
TONIGHT!



SO THAT EVENING, IN AL
FALLON'S APARTMENT...

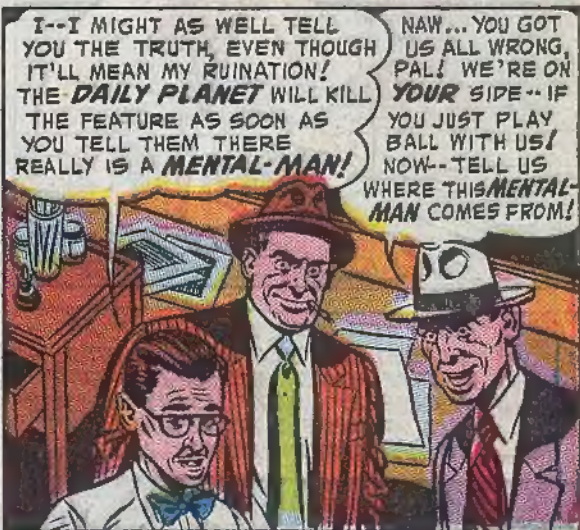
CROOKS! I'VE
GOT TO HIDE
THESE PHOTOS!

WE'RE "ART
STUDENTS," SEE?
WE WANNA LEARN
HOW YOU MAKE YOUR
DRAWINGS AND... HEY!
HE'S TRYIN' TO HIDE
SOMETHIN'! GRAB
IT!



HOLY SMOKES! INKY
WAS RIGHT! DARROW'S
GOT PHOTOS OF THE
EIGHTH
WONDER!

BUT ARE THEY
GENUINE, OR JUST
SOME ACTOR
POSING?



I--I MIGHT AS WELL TELL
YOU THE TRUTH, EVEN THOUGH
IT'LL MEAN MY RUINATION!
THE DAILY PLANET WILL KILL
THE FEATURE AS SOON AS
YOU TELL THEM THERE
REALLY IS A MENTAL-MAN!

NOW... YOU GOT
US ALL WRONG,
PAL! WE'RE ON
YOUR SIDE-- IF
YOU JUST PLAY
BALL WITH US!
NOW-- TELL US
WHERE THIS MENTAL-
MAN COMES FROM!



"WELL--ONE DAY I WAS OUT IN A
BOAT, PAINTING A SHORE
LANDSCAPE, WHEN I SAW A
GIANT BUBBLE BOB TO THE
SURFACE..."

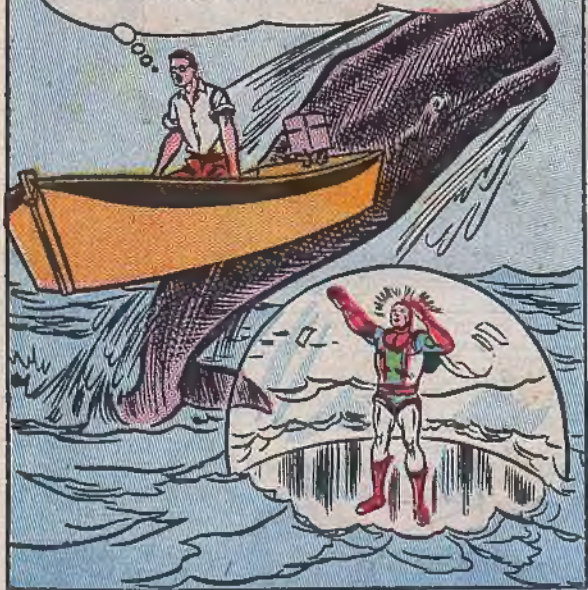
GREAT GUNS! THERE'S A
MAN INSIDE THAT BUBBLE!



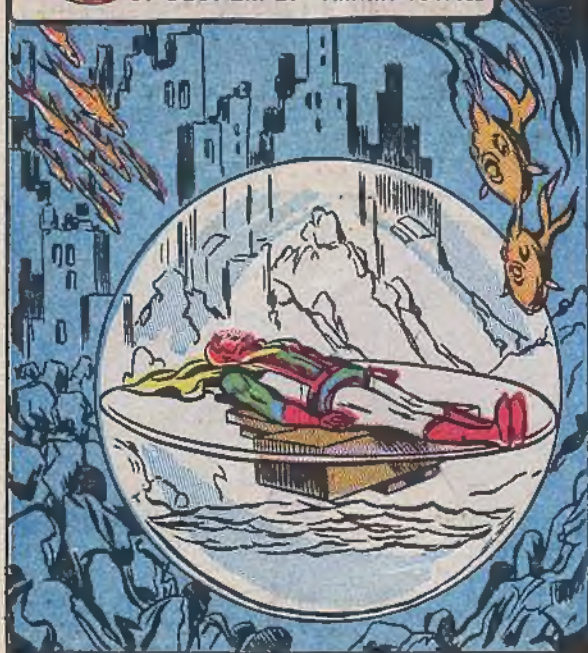
"AT THAT MOMENT, A WHALE ACCIDENTALLY CAME UP
UNDER MY BOAT, LIFTING ME SKYWARD, READY TO
CRASH THE CRAFT TO BITS..."

"IT WAS THEN THAT THE INCREDIBLE OCCURRED--AS THE STRANGE MAN IN THE BUBBLE STARED HYPNOTICALLY AT MY BOAT..."

"I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S SOMEHOW MAKING MY BOAT HANG IN MID-AIR, OUT OF HARM'S WAY!"



"AS A SCIENTIST, I ERECTED AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BUBBLE INTO WHICH I PLACED MYSELF! THEN I SLUMBERED ON THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM ALL OF THESE CENTURIES, IN A SORT OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION..."



"LATER, THIS MAN TOLD ME AN AMAZING STORY..."

CENTURIES AGO, I LIVED IN A HIGHLY CIVILIZED NATION... BUT THIS CIVILIZATION WAS DESTROYED WHEN OUR CONTINENT SANK BENEATH THE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC!

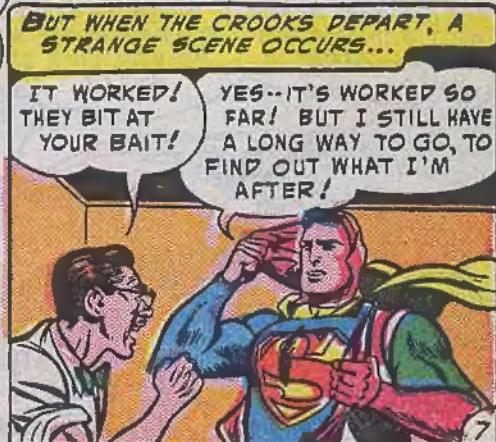
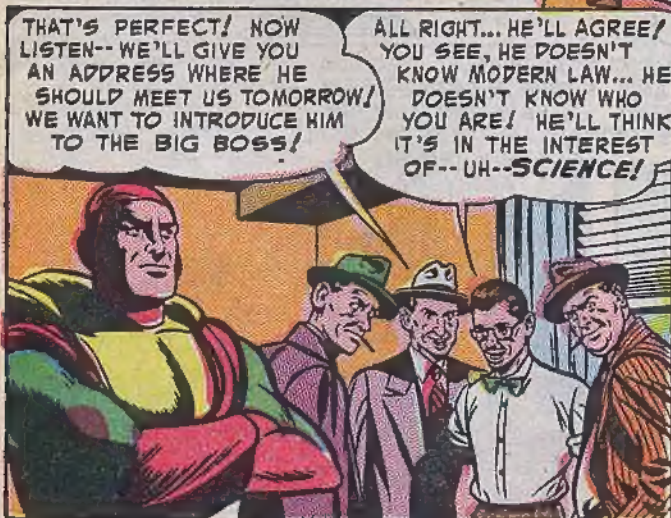
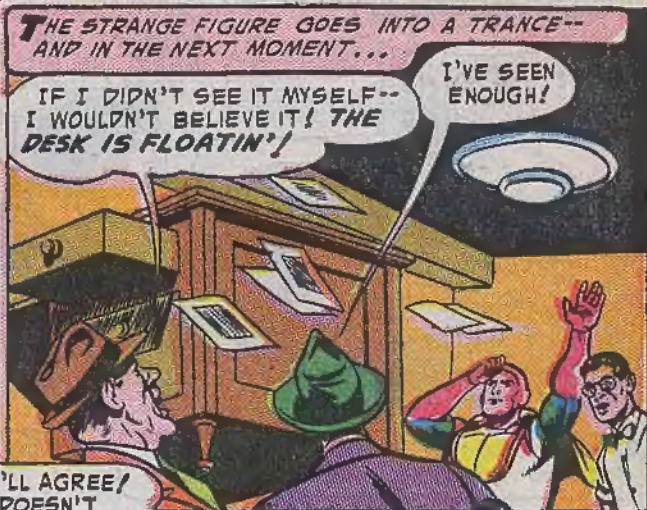
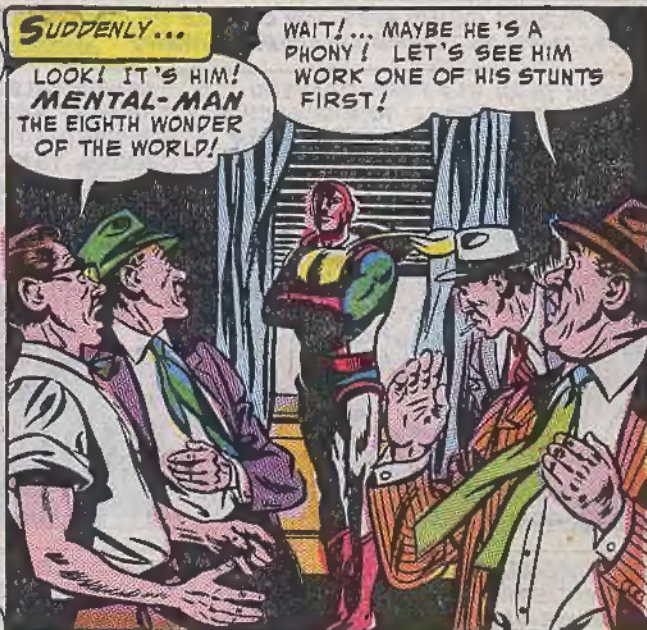


A RECENT VOLCANIC ACTION UNDER THE SEAS RELEASED THE BUBBLE, AND IT CAME TO THE SURFACE! **MENTAL-MAN** AWAKENED, TO FIND HIMSELF IN OUR DAY! HE BROUGHT WITH HIM THE POWER OF THE ANCIENTS TO CONTROL MATTER BY MIND!



I MADE FRIENDS WITH **MENTAL-MAN**, BEING THE FIRST TO MEET HIM! I MADE PHOTOS OF HIS FANTASTIC STUNTS, THEN DREW THE STRIP AROUND THEM!





THE FIGURE COMPLETES HIS CHANGE OF COSTUME, REVEALING THE GARB OF--**SUPERMAN!**

YOUR PLAN WAS PERFECT! YOU HAD PERRY AGREE TO RUN SUCH A FEATURE, IN WHICH **MENTAL-MAN** COULD CHANGE BASE METALS TO SOLID GOLD!

YES--AND ALSO THE PART ABOUT CONVINCING THE CROOKS THAT **MENTAL-MAN** ACTUALLY EXISTED!



NOW THEY WANT ME TO MEET THEIR BIG BOSS--AND THEN I KNOW THEY'LL WANT ME TO CHANGE BASE METAL TO GOLD! AFTER THAT, I'LL GRAB THE MYSTERIOUS LEADER OF A WORLD-WIDE GOLD RACKETEERING SYNDICATE!

HMM--BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE TROUBLE!



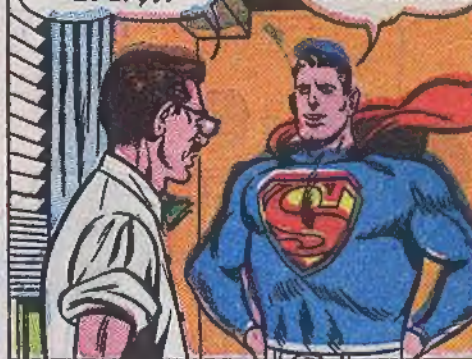
MENTAL-MAN'S STUNTS IN THE COMIC STRIP WERE ALL IMAGINARY--AND WE HAD MY DESK TRICKED UP WITH NEAR-INVISIBLE WIRES, SO WE'D FOOL THE CROOKS!

AND YOU'RE WONDERING HOW I'LL ACTUALLY PERFORM MIND-OVER-MATTER STUNTS WHEN I MEET THE BIG BOSS! RIGHT?



FRANKLY, YES! THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU CAN PERFORM **SUPER-HUMAN** STUNTS...BUT AS FOR CHANGING IRON TO GOLD!...

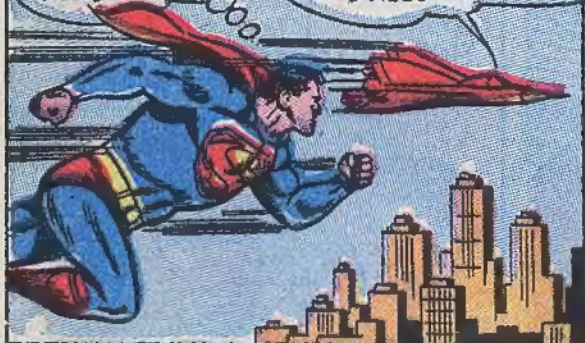
THAT DOES PRESENT A PROBLEM... BUT I'LL WORK IT OUT SOMEHOW!



NEXT EVENING, AS THE MAN OF STEEL STREAKS TOWARD HIS DESTINATION...

I WANT TO GET TO THE CROOKS' PLACE WELL BEFORE THE **MENTAL-MAN** IS DUE!

HERE I AM, GOING 500 MILES AN HOUR--AND **SUPERMAN** MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M STANDING STILL!

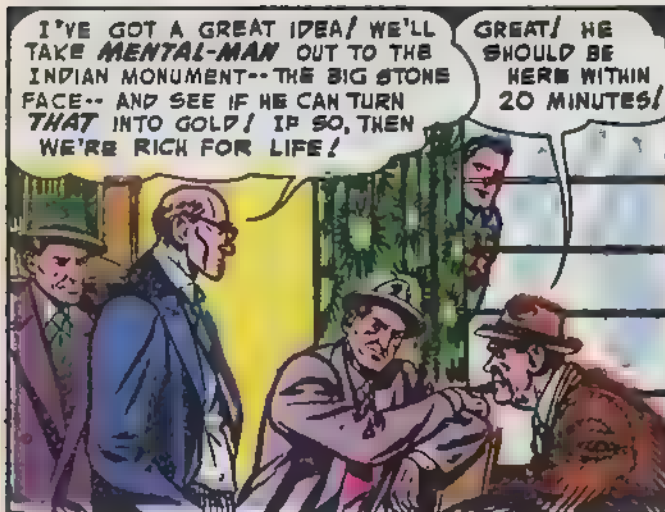


SOON, AT A SWANK APARTMENT OVERLOOKING THE BAY...

AN UNUSUAL PERSON, THIS **MENTAL-MAN**, IF HE'S THE GENUINE ARTICLE! WE SHALL SEE WHEN HE ARRIVES!

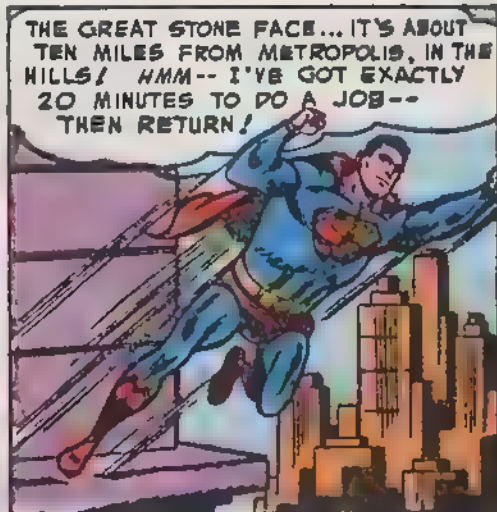
SO HE'S THE ELUSIVE CRIMINAL SOUGHT BY A DOZEN NATIONS! I COULD GRAB HIM NOW--BUT I MUST FIND DOCUMENTS... **EVIDENCE!** AND I THINK I KNOW NOW!





I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! WE'LL TAKE **MENTAL-MAN** OUT TO THE INDIAN MONUMENT--THE BIG STONE FACE--AND SEE IF HE CAN TURN **THAT** INTO GOLD! IF SO, THEN WE'RE RICH FOR LIFE!

GREAT! HE SHOULD BE HERE WITHIN 20 MINUTES!



THE GREAT STONE FACE... IT'S ABOUT TEN MILES FROM METROPOLIS, IN THE HILLS! *HMM--* I'VE GOT EXACTLY 20 MINUTES TO DO A JOB-- THEN RETURN!

IT IS ONLY SECONDS LATER, WHEN **SUPERMAN** DESCENDS UPON THE GREAT STONE FACE, AND...

FIRST TO REMOVE THE MONUMENT FROM THE MOUNTAIN!



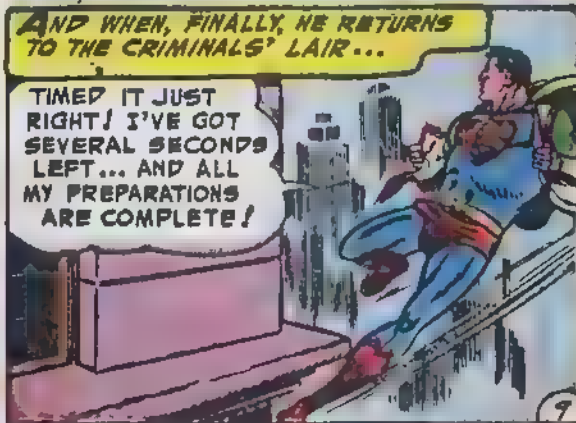
THEN, WITH INCREDIBLE EASE, THE AMAZING MAN OF TOMORROW WHIPS THE GIANT CARVING THROUGH THE AIR...

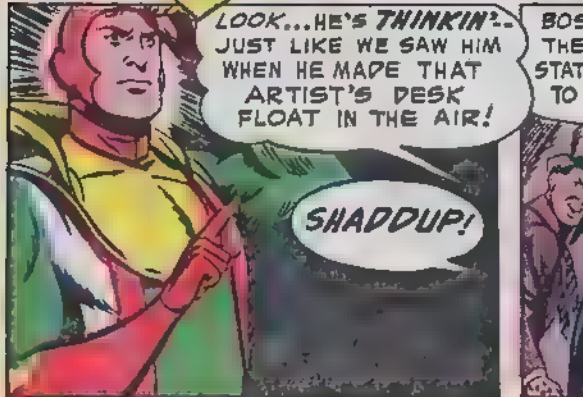
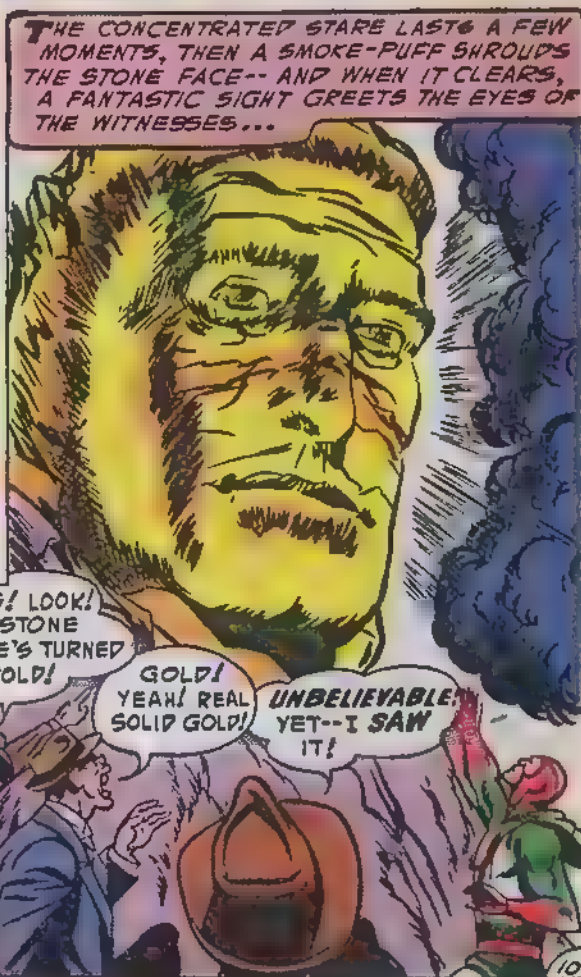
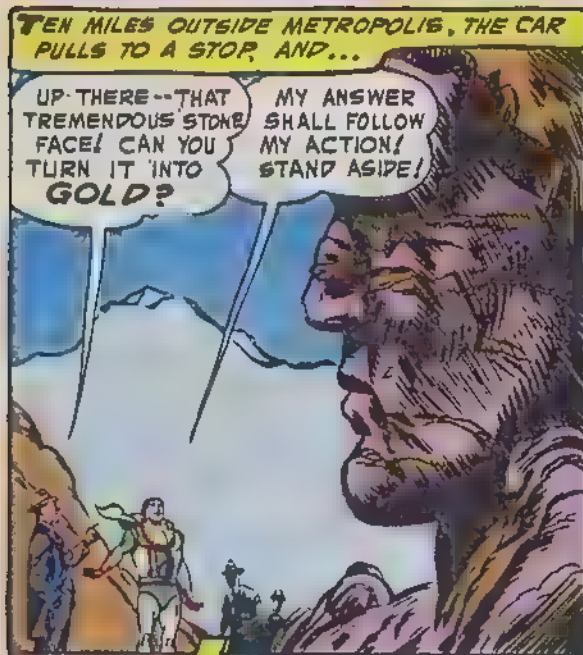
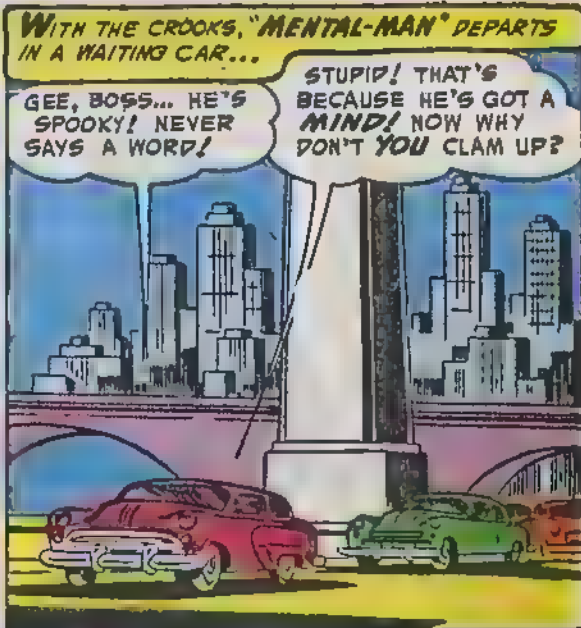
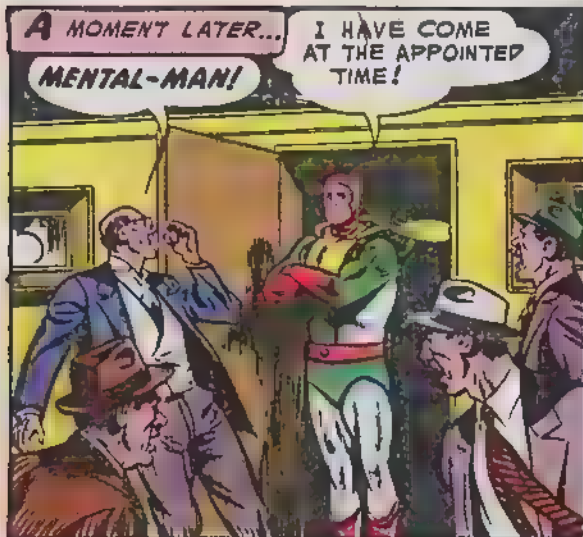
EXACTLY 19 MINUTES LEFT BEFORE I RETURN AS **MENTAL-MAN**!



AND WHEN, FINALLY, HE RETURNS TO THE CRIMINALS' LAIR...

TIMED IT JUST RIGHT! I'VE GOT SEVERAL SECONDS LEFT... AND ALL MY PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE!







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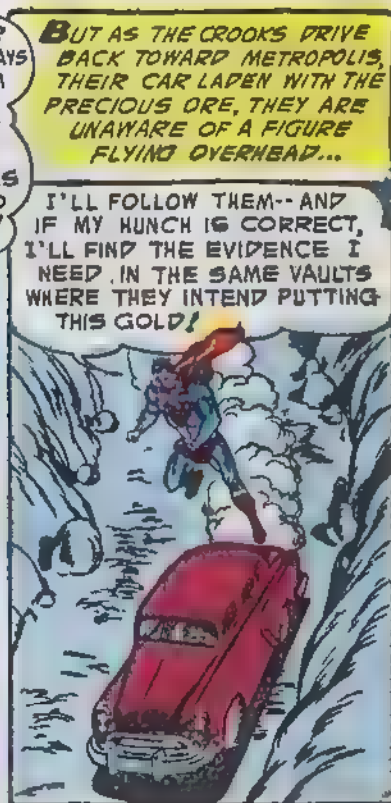
IT'S **REAL** GOLD, ALL RIGHT!
I'VE HANDLED THIS STUFF
PLENTY OF TIMES! SCRAPE
IT... IT'S **SOLID!**

TALK ABOUT THE
MIDAS TOUCH!
**WOWEEE! WE'RE
RICH!**



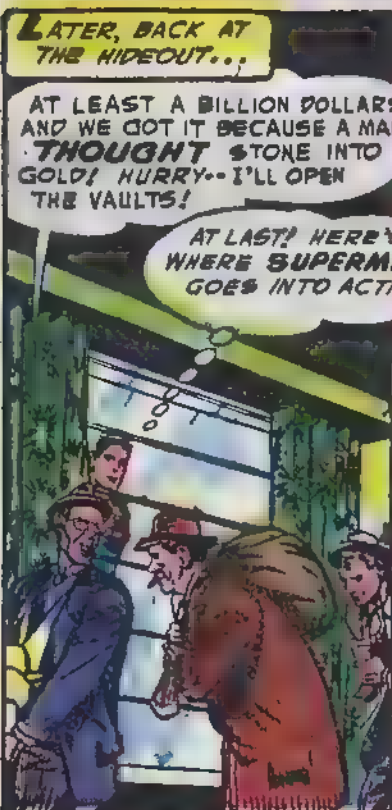
HEY! WHERE'S
MENTAL-MAN?
HE'S VANISHED!

WHO CARES?
WE CAN ALWAYS
SUMMON HIM
FOR OTHER
JOBS! RIGHT
NOW, LET'S
GET SOME OF THIS
GOLD BACK TO
THE VAULTS!



**BUT AS THE CROOKS DRIVE
BACK TOWARD METROPOLIS,
THEIR CAR LAPEN WITH THE
PRECIOUS ORE, THEY ARE
UNAWARE OF A FIGURE
FLYING OVERHEAD...**

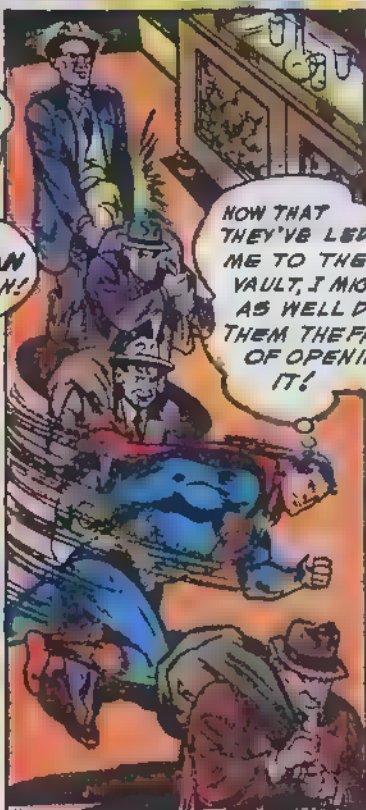
I'LL FOLLOW THEM-- AND
IF MY HUNCH IS CORRECT,
I'LL FIND THE EVIDENCE I
NEED IN THE SAME VAULTS
WHERE THEY INTEND PUTTING
THIS GOLD!



**LATER, BACK AT
THE HIDEOUT...**

AT LEAST A BILLION DOLLARS.
AND WE GOT IT BECAUSE A MAN
THOUGHT STONE INTO
GOLD! HURRY-- I'LL OPEN
THE VAULTS!

AT LAST! HERE'S
WHERE **SUPERMAN**
GOES INTO ACTION!

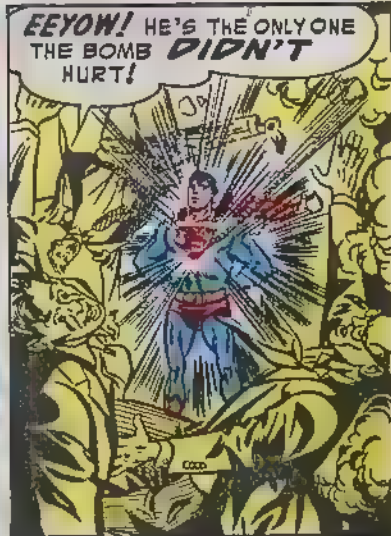
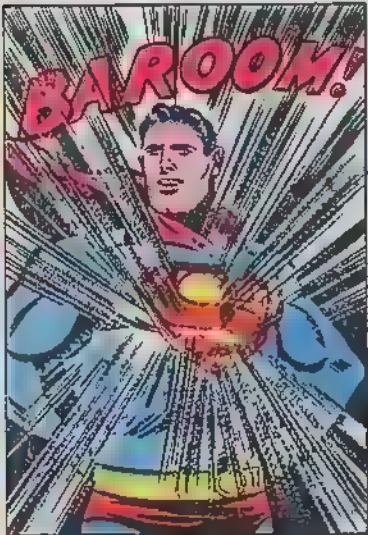
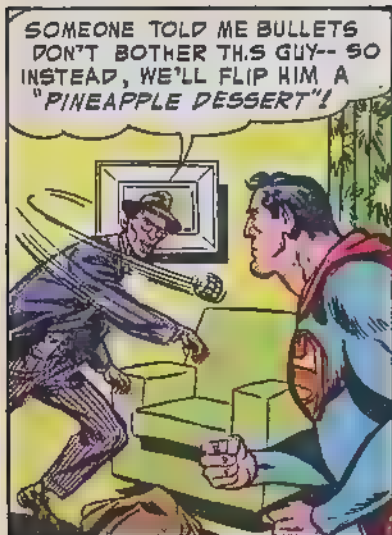


NOW THAT
THEY'VE LED
ME TO THE
VAULT, I MIGHT
AS WELL DO
THEM THE FAVOR
OF OPENING
IT!



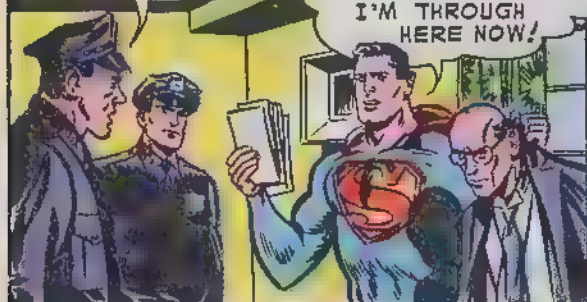
ALLOW ME! BUT
I'LL GO FIRST,
SINCE THERE
ARE SOME
THINGS INSIDE
I WANT!

SUPERMAN:
HE'S AFTER
THE
DOCUMENTS!
BLAST HIM!



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

SUPERMAN! WE HEARD THE BLAST AND CAME AS FAST AS WE COULD!



YOU'LL FIND THAT THE RINGLEADER HERE IS ALSO THE HEAD OF A WORLD-WIDE GOLD RACKETEERING GANG! THESE PAPERS PROVE IT! I'M THROUGH HERE NOW!

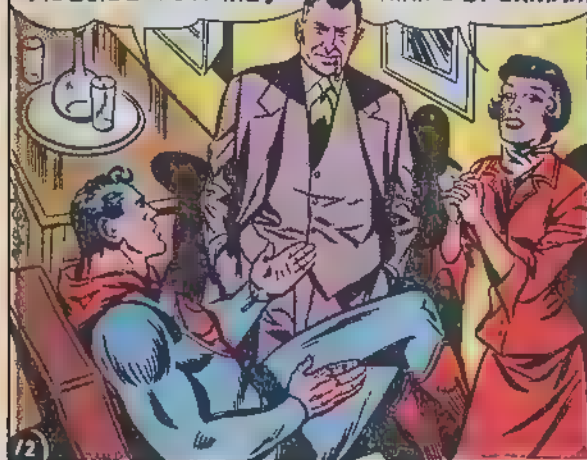
NEXT MORNING, BACK IN PERRY'S OFFICE...

YOU MEAN, YOU ACTUALLY **DIDN'T** CHANGE THE STONE STATUE TO **GOLD**?



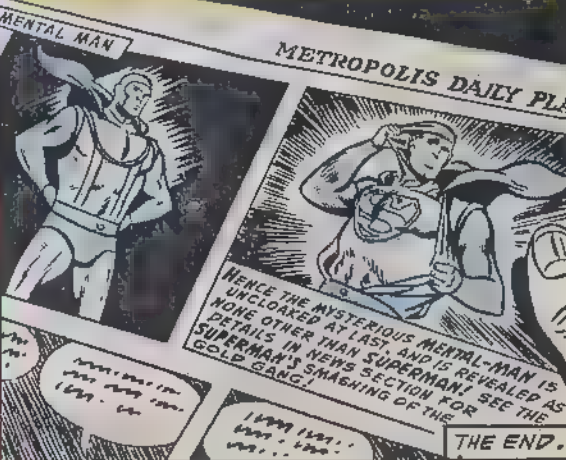
NO! I MADE A HUGE GOLD STATUE OF THE STONE FACE, OVER WHICH I PUT A STONE COVERING, AND SUBSTITUTED IT FOR THE REAL STONE FACE! MY X-RAY VISION MELTED AWAY THE STONE COVERING, SHOWING ONLY THE GOLD BENEATH! IT WAS ENOUGH TO FOOL THE GANG!

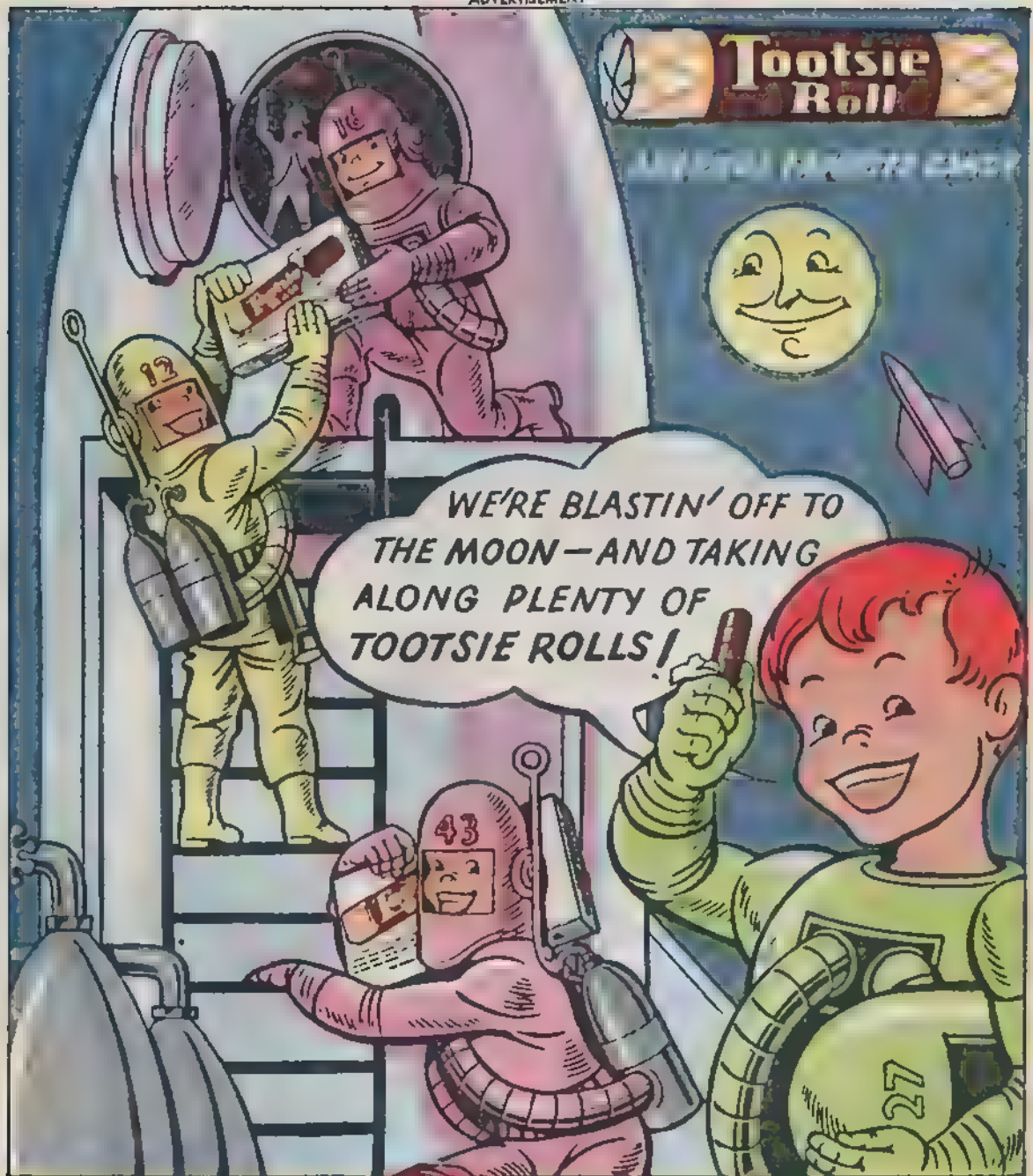
SO YOU SEE, **MENTAL-MAN** NEVER EXISTED AT ALL-- EXCEPT AS A DISGUISE FOR ME!



I **KNEW** IT! THERE'S NO ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN **SUPERMAN**!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THE FINAL STRIP OF **MENTAL-MAN** APPEARS IN THE **DAILY PLANET**...





Out of this world in taste!
 Delicious • Chocolatey
 Long Lasting
TOOTSIE ROLL
 And still only 5¢

TOOTSIE POPS — Fruit
 candy on the outside,
 TOOTSIE ROLL inside.
 Two treats for the price
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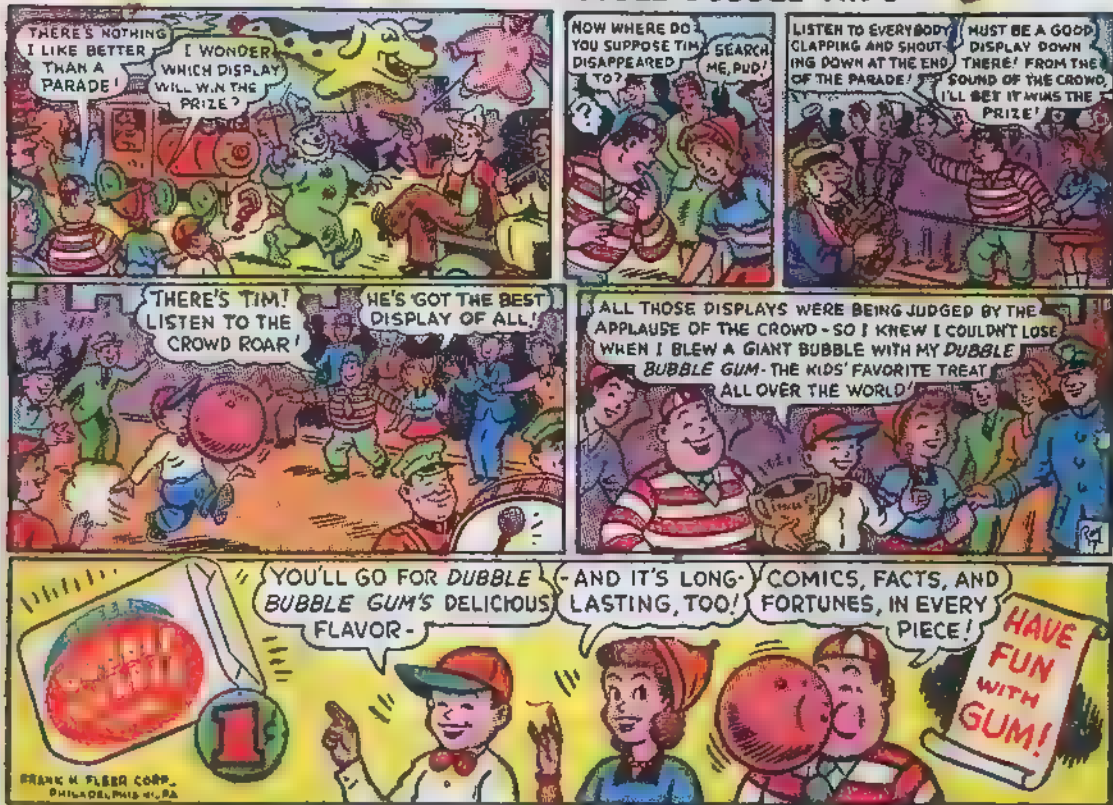


Chocolatey
TOOTSIE ROLL
 center



These delicious **TOOTSIE CANDIES**
 are only 1¢ each.

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will mean
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GAMMA GLOBULIN—
obtained from human blood—
protects for a few weeks.
But it is in very short supply.



When **POLIO** is around,
follow these **PRECAUTIONS**



- 1 Keep clean
- 2 Don't get fatigued
- 3 Avoid new groups
- 4 Don't get chilled

A VACCINE

A safe and promising vaccine is being tested now, but results will not be known until 1955.



THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION
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CONGO BILL

with **JANU**
The **Jungle Boy**

YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT THE MAGIC OF THE CIRCUS TO LURE JANU, WHO LIVES WITH THE GREATEST ADVENTURER OF OUR TIME, CONGO BILL, WOULD YOU? YET, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT OCCURS WHEN JANU JOINS...

The JUNGLE CIRCUS!



I GUESS THE CIRCUS HAS GOTTEN INTO HIS BLOOD. IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT KEEPING HIM BACK HERE!

ONE DAY, IN AN AFRICAN TOWN ON LAKE NYASA...

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, CONGO BILL! YOU'RE GUEST OF HONOR AT OUR ADVENTURERS CLUB NEXT TUESDAY!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE THERE!



LEADING LIZARDS, WHAT'S THAT, CONGO BILL?

IT'S A CROUS, JANU! BUT I DON'T GET IT--BRINGING WILD ANIMALS TO AFRICA IS LIKE SELLING ICE TO THE ESKIMOES!





ACTION COMICS

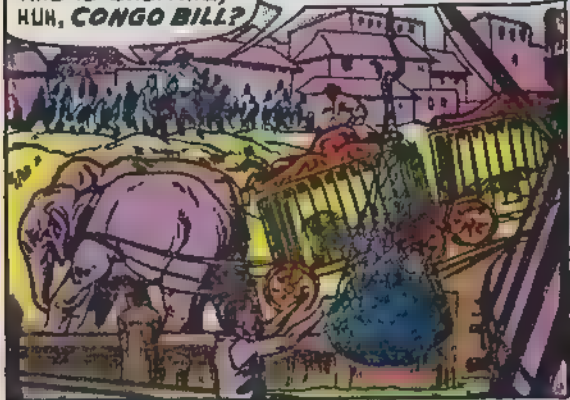


AS THE CIRCUS DEBARKS...
JUMPING JACKALS,
THIS IS EXCITING,
HUN, CONGO BILL?

YES--I GUESS BOYS
ALL OVER THE WORLD GET
A THRILL OUT OF TRAINED
ANIMALS, EVEN IN AFRICA!

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE
BIGGEST SHOW ON EARTH, FOLKS!
AND IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT MONEY--
WHY, BRING COCONUTS!

HMMM!



THAT NIGHT...

HUMPH! MY ELEPHANT,
BOMBO, COULD DO
BETTER TRICKS THAN
THIS ONE!

YES, BUT MOST NATIVES HAVE
NEVER SEEN **TRAINED** ANIMALS
BEFORE! JASPER TROY WASN'T
SO DUMB AFTER ALL!



HELP!
A LION IS
ESCAPING!

I--I CAN'T
SHOOT--IT'S
TOO CROWDED
IN HERE!

I GOT
AN
IDEA,
**CONGO
BILL!**



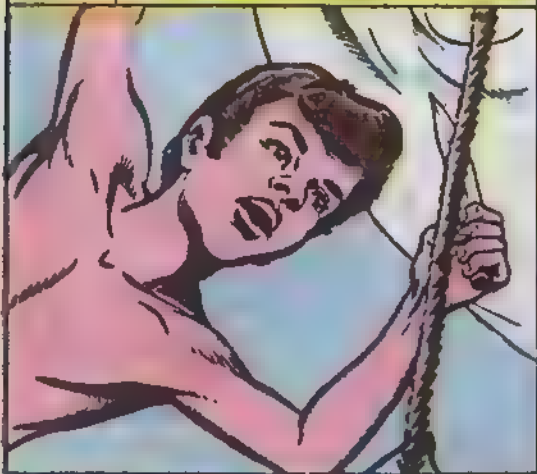
**JANU, WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?**



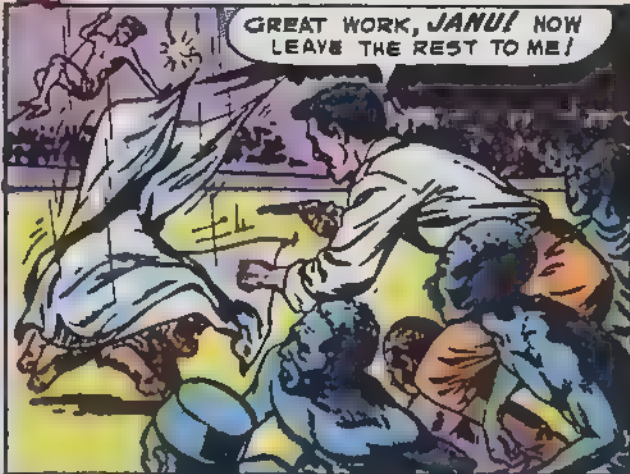
**IF-- IF ONLY I COULD
GET A CLEAR SHOT!**



SWIFTLY, JANU CUTS AT THE CURTAIN ROPES.



AND JUST AS THE BEAST IS ABOUT TO LAND...



SOON... I'LL SAY IT WAS! I CAN USE A BOY LIKE THAT ON MY TOUR! HOW ABOUT JOINING UP WITH THE CIRCUS?



HOPPING HYENAS, THAT BE GREAT! SURE I GO!

NO, JANU IS GOING TO SCHOOL! HE CAN'T GO!

TOO BAD! BUT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, I'LL BE HERE UNTIL MORNING!



THEN, NEXT MORNING...

JANU! HE'S GONE! AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHERE! GOT TO STOP HIM!



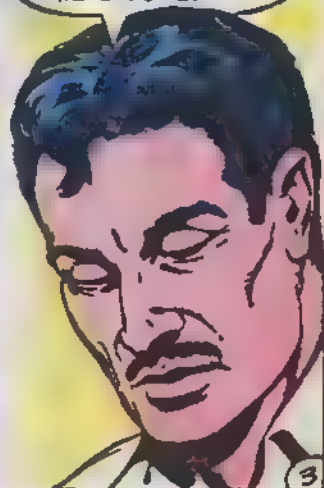
BUT, AFTER RUSHING TO THE RIVER BANK...

I--I CAN'T BELIEVE JANU WOULD RUN AWAY FROM ME TO JOIN THAT CIRCUS! I MUST GO AFTER HIM!

BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW! THE BANQUET IN YOUR HONOR IS ONLY TWO DAYS AWAY! YOU CAN GO RIGHT AFTER!

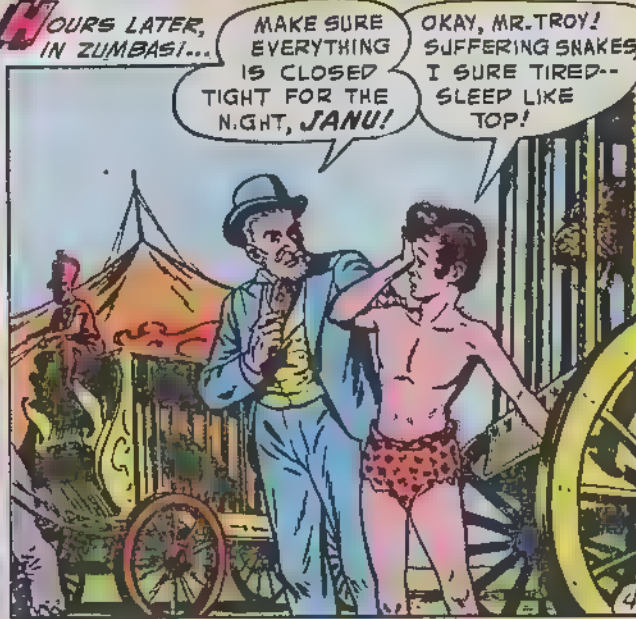
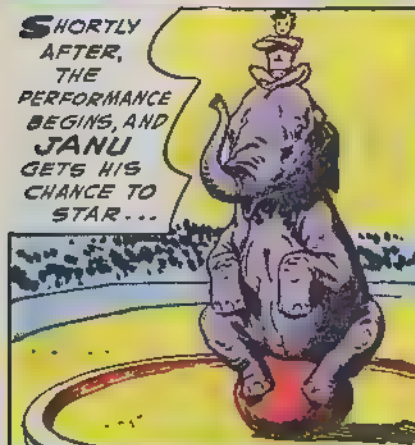
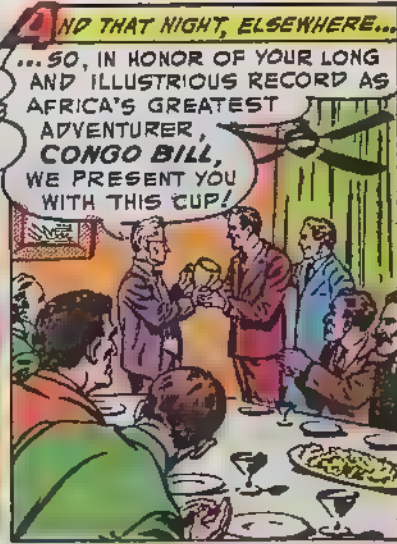


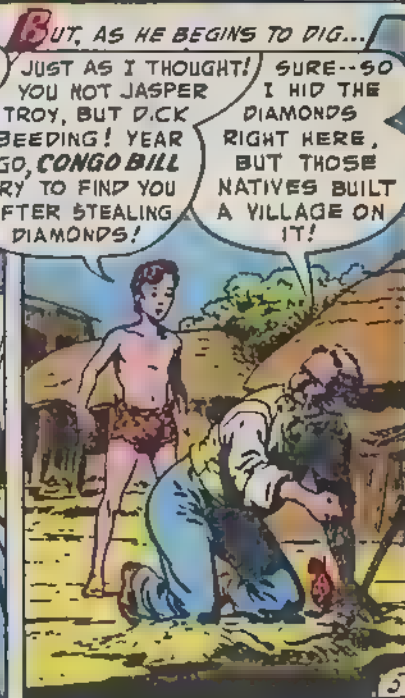
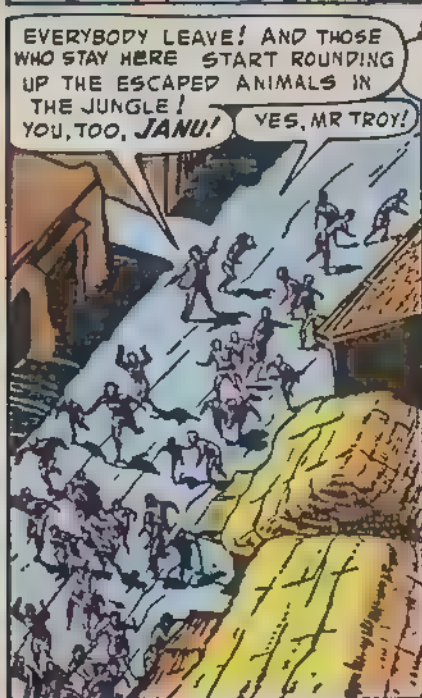
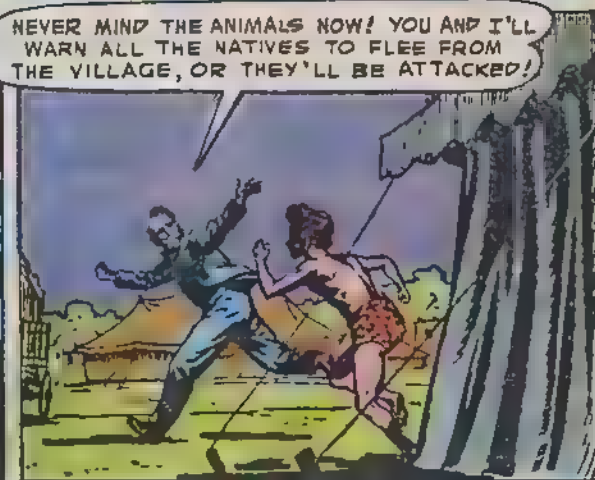
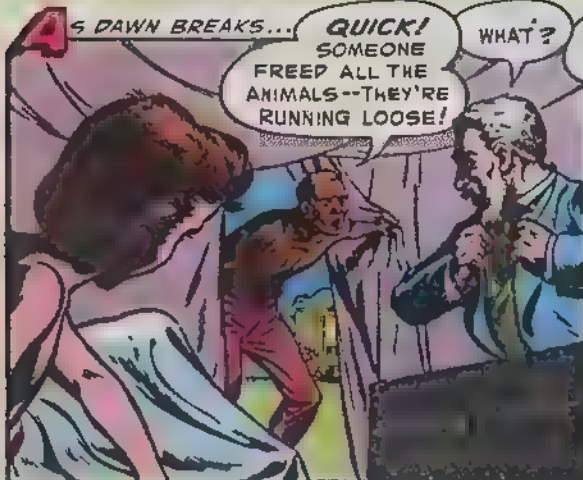
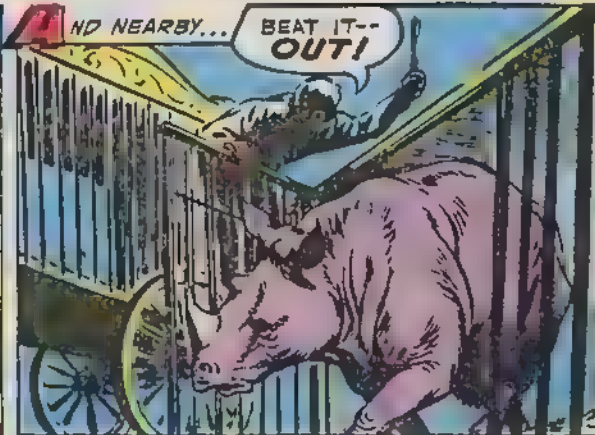
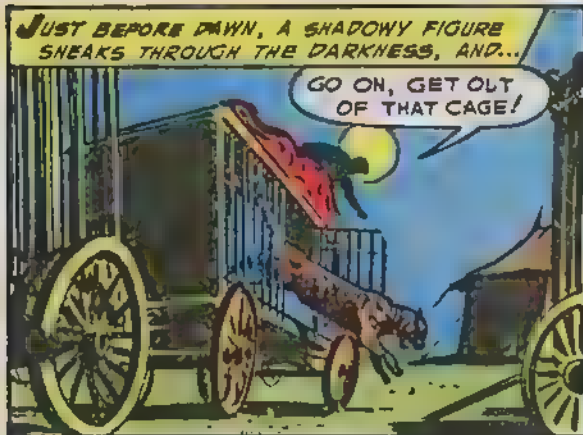
YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT IT'LL TAKE ME A LONG TIME TO FORGET WHAT HE'S DONE!

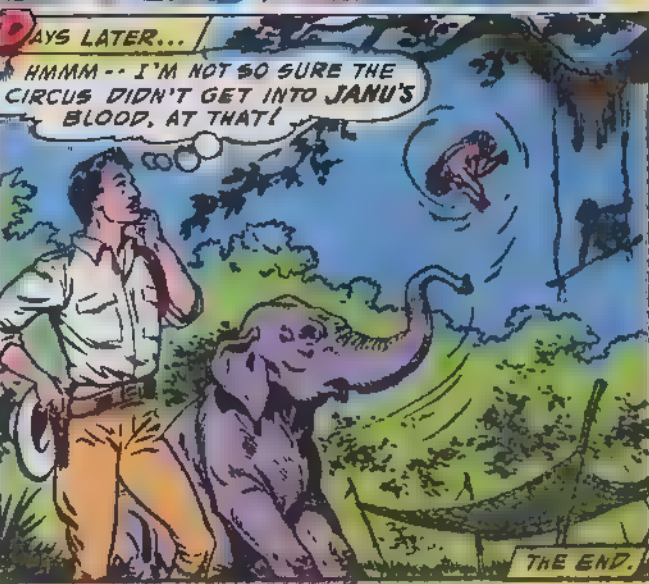
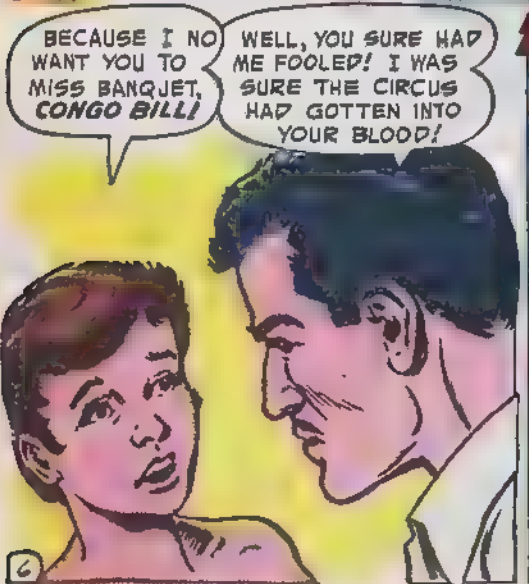
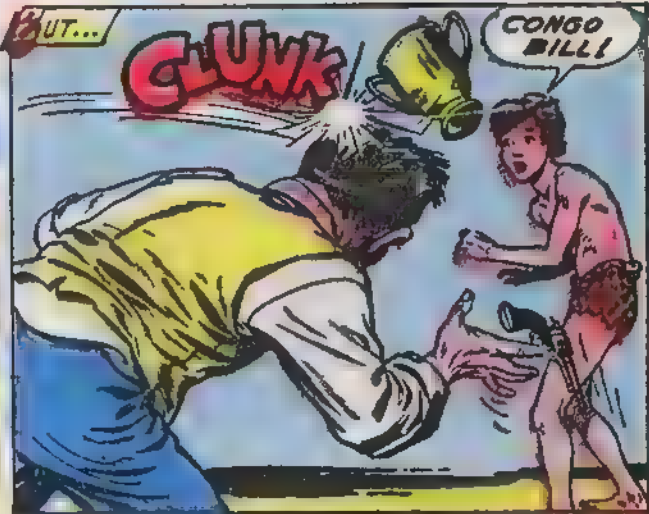
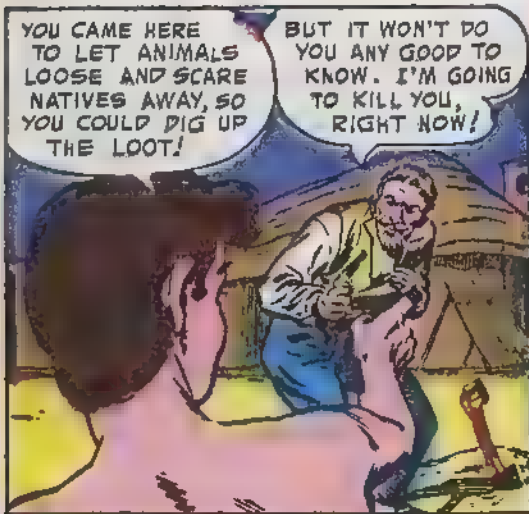




OKAY, MR. TROY-- BUT REMEMBER, YOU PROMISED TO LET ME BE IN THE ACTS!







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TOGETHER WITH
THE ONE AND ONLY

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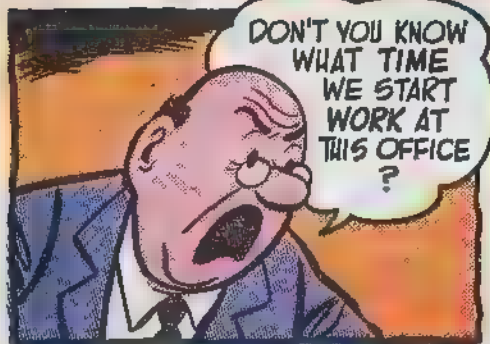
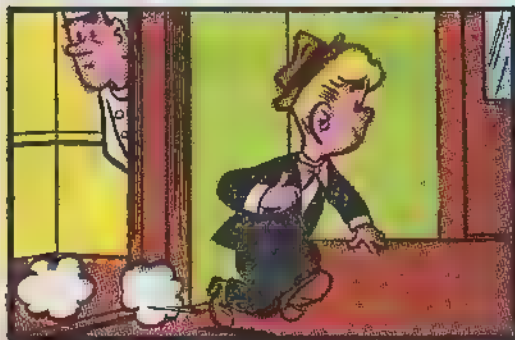
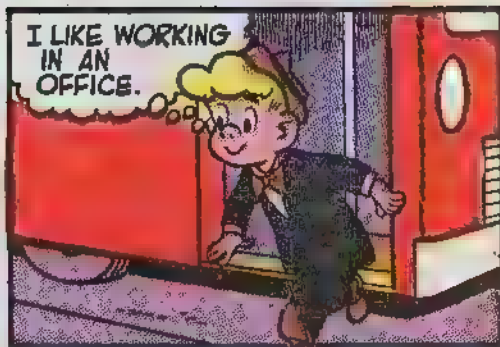
"THE BOY OF
100 FACES!"

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SUBSTITUTE!"

"The CASE OF THE
LUMBERJACK JINX!"



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Tommy TOMORROW

HE HIT THE BALL CLEAR OFF MARS! ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW THAT?

A GREAT EARTH GAME OF TODAY BECOMES THE RAGE OF THE 21ST CENTURY, WHEN BASEBALL SPREADS TO THE WORLDS OF TOMORROW! BUT TROUBLE COMES TO BAT WHEN PLAYERS OF DIFFERENT PLANETS MEET ON DISTANT DIAMONDS. AND COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW OF THE PLANETEERS FINDS THAT IT'S A JOB JAMMED WITH HEAD-ACHES, WHEN HE UMPIRES...

THE WORLD SERIES OF TOMORROW!

ONE MORNING IN THE YEAR 2054, AS COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW OF THE PLANETEERS RACES THROUGH SPACE IN ANSWER TO AN URGENT CALL FOR HELP...

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, TOMMY!

LET'S HOPE WE'RE IN TIME TO AVERT A DISASTER!

LOOK! THE WARNING THAT FREIGHT-SHIP FLASHED TO US IS TRUE!

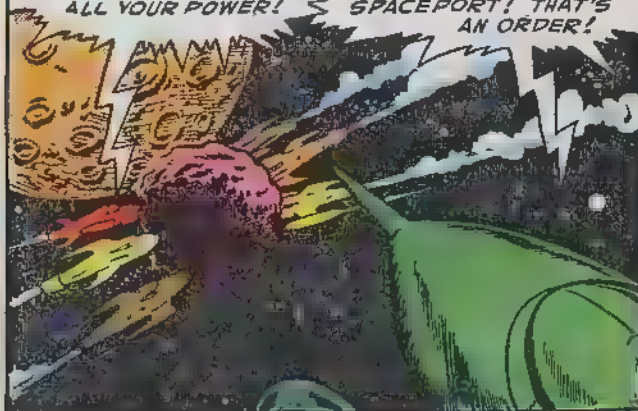
THIS COULD CAUSE A TERRIBLE WRECK! WE'LL BREAK IT UP FAST!

WHAT MENACE OF THE SPACEWAYS LOOMS UP NOW? INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS...

...IT'S A GAME! YES, JUST A GAME OF PUSHBALL-- BUT ON A COSMIC SCALE!

OUR SIDE WINS IF WE PUSH THE BIG METEOR PAST THE MOON! USE ALL YOUR POWER!

HOLD IT! ALL YOU PLAYERS LAND AT ONCE ON MARSOPOLIS SPACEPORT! THAT'S AN ORDER!



PRESENTLY, SHEEPISH MARTIAN SPORTS LOVERS GET A STERN LECTURE...

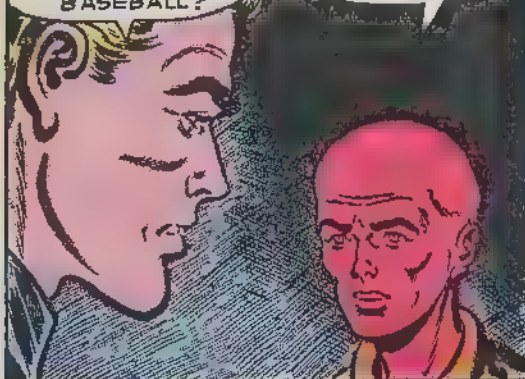
YOU WERE PLAYING IN A MAIN SPACE LANE! A LINER COULD HAVE RUN INTO YOU AND BEEN WRECKED!

SORRY, COLONEL TOMORROW... WE GOT EXCITED AND DIDN'T REALIZE! YOU SEE, SPACE PUSHBALL IS OUR FAVORITE GAME!



GAMES ARE FINE, BUT COULDN'T YOU PLAY ONE THAT WOULDN'T ENDANGER OTHER PEOPLE-- LIKE BASEBALL?

BASEBALL? IS THAT AN EARTH GAME? HOW DO YOU PLAY IT?



TURNING BASEBALL COACH, TOMMY SOON WINS HIS POINT...

...AND THAT'S HOW IT'S PLAYED!

IT'S A WONDERFUL GAME-- AS THRILLING AS SPACE PUSHBALL ANYTIME! WE'LL FORM TEAMS AND GET EQUIPMENT!



BUT LATER, UPON RETURNING TO HEAD-QUARTERS ON EARTH, THE FAMED PLANETEER FINDS HE'S STARTED SOMETHING...

COLONEL TOMORROW, OTHER PLANETS WANT TO LEARN BASEBALL TOO! THEY'D LIKE TO START TEAMS AND FORM A LEAGUE! CAN YOU HELP THEM OUT?

I'D BE GLAD TO, SIR! SOME OF THEIR OWN GAMES ARE TOO DANGEROUS!



DANGEROUS, INDEED, ARE SUCH GAMES AS JOVIAN POLO...

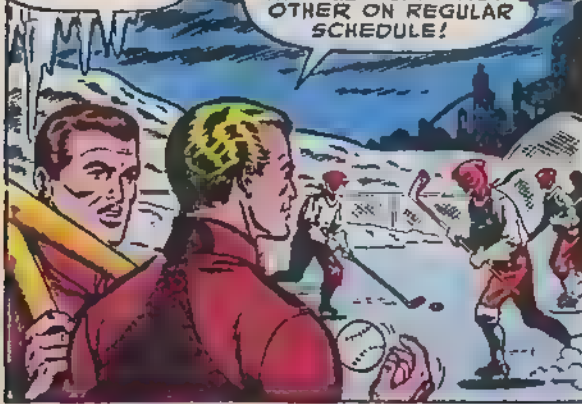
WE WANT TO FORM A JUPITER BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY THE OTHER PLANETS!



AND PLUTONIAN HOCKEY, ON JET-POWERED SKATES CAN BE PERILOUS, TOO...

WOW! ON THOSE JET-POWERED SKATES, A COLLISION WOULD BE TERRIBLE!

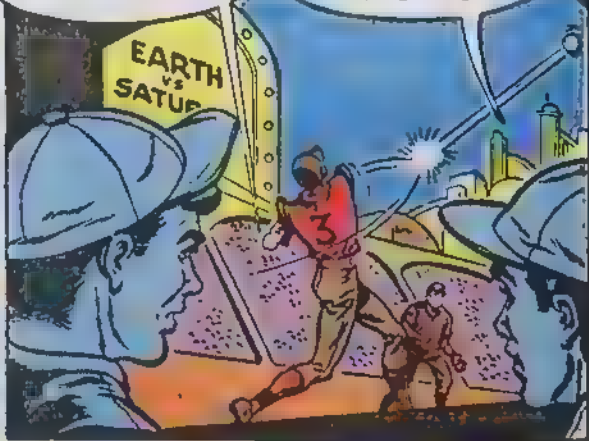
I'M GLAD THEY'RE TAKING UP BASEBALL INSTEAD! EVERY PLANET WILL HAVE A TEAM, AND THEY'LL PLAY EACH OTHER ON REGULAR SCHEDULE!



PLANETARY BASEBALL SOON FINDS ENTHUSIASTIC ROOTERS ON EVERY WORLD...

THAT TIES EARTH'S SCORE! HURRAH FOR SATURN!

THOSE SEVEN-FOOT-TALL SATURNIANS CAN REALLY LEAN ON THE BALL!



BUT SOMETIMES, INSTEAD OF MAKING LESS TROUBLE FOR THE PLANETEERS, BASEBALL MAKES MORE...

CALLING COLONEL TOMORROW! PROCEED AT ONCE TO MERCURY! RIOT AT THE BASEBALL PARK THERE!

WE CAN GET THERE QUICKLY! MAYBE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THE RULES OF BASEBALL YET!



HOWEVER, TOMMY FINDS THERE ARE SITUATIONS IN PLANETARY BASEBALL WHICH THE OFFICIAL RULES DON'T COVER...

THE SUN'S SO CLOSE HERE ON MERCURY, IT BLINDS US... BUT THEIR EYES ARE USED TO IT! I SAY WE OUGHT TO PLAY ON THE DARK SIDE OF MERCURY!

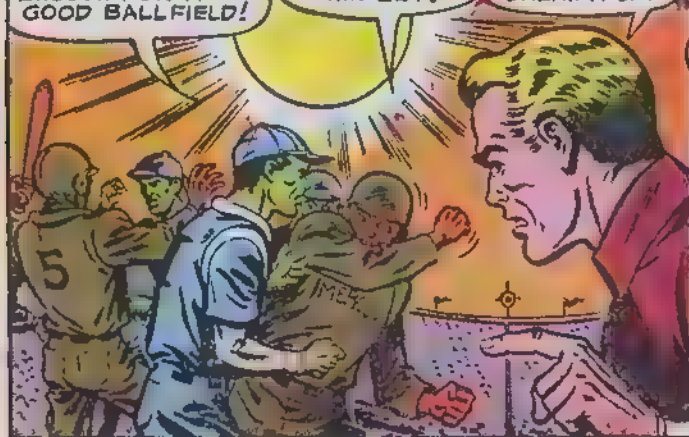
AND I SAY WE CAN HAVE OUR BALLFIELD WHERE WE LIKE!



WHY, YOUR MIDGET PLANET ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR A GOOD BALLFIELD!

YOU CAN'T CALL OUR PLANET A MIDGET!

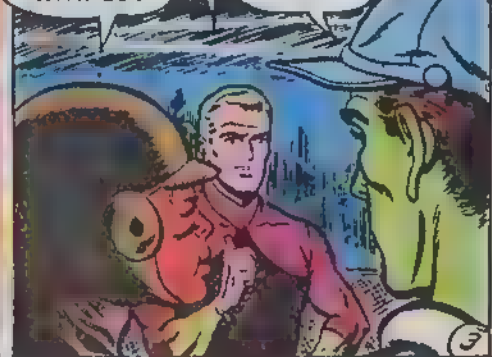
HEY-- WAIT A MINUTE! BREAK IT UP!



PLAY YOUR GAMES IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE, BETWEEN THE DARK AND SUNNY SIDES! THAT'LL BE FAIR TO EVERYONE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH US!

US TOO!



BUT SOON, ON THE WORLD JUPITER, PLANETARY DIFFERENCES ALMOST BREAK UP ANOTHER GAME...

THOSE URANIAN PLAYERS HAVE WINGS, AND THEY'RE FLYING THE BASE-PATHS INSTEAD OF RUNNING!

THE RULES SAY YOU HAVE TO RUN BETWEEN BASES! YOU CAN'T USE YOUR WINGS!

AND, TO ADD TO A HARASSED TOMMY'S TROUBLES...

WE'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT INTER-PLANETARY GAMBLERS ARE TRYING TO FIX GAMES! IT COULD CAUSE BAD FEELINGS BETWEEN PLANETS!

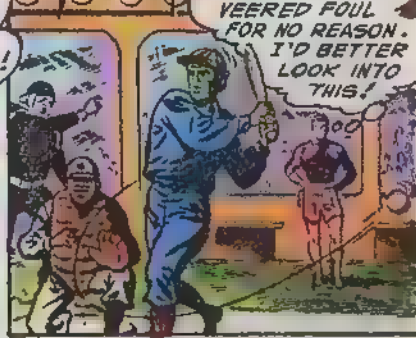
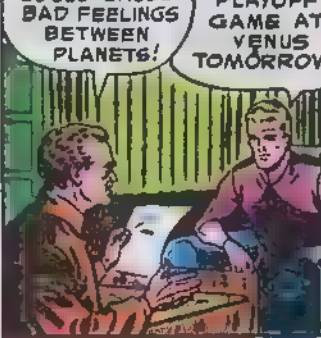
I'LL DO MY BEST TO STOP THEM, SIR! I'LL COVER THE BIG PLAYOFF GAME AT VENUS TOMORROW!

AND AT THE IMPORTANT PLAYOFF GAME BETWEEN VENUS AND JUPITER, THE FOLLOWING DAY, ANOTHER UPSETTING PLAY...

FOUL BALL!

BUT I HIT THAT BALL FAIR! I SAW IT START!

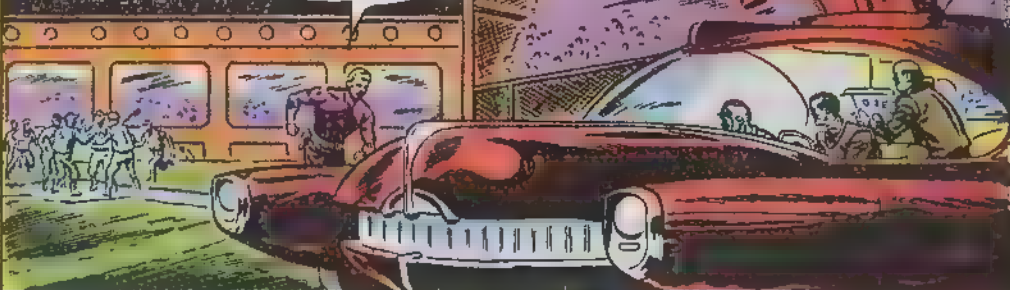
HMM... I SAW IT START FAIR TOO AND THEN IT VEERED FOUL FOR NO REASON. I'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!



AS AN ARGUMENT STARTS ON THE FIELD, TOMMY QUICKLY LEARNS THE ANSWER...

THAT CAMERA TRUCK... NOW I GET IT! IT ALSO HOUSES A POWERFUL AIR MACHINE, WHICH DRAWS THE BALL BY SUCTION, CAUSING FOUL BALLS AND ERRORS TO MAKE ONE SIDE LOSE!

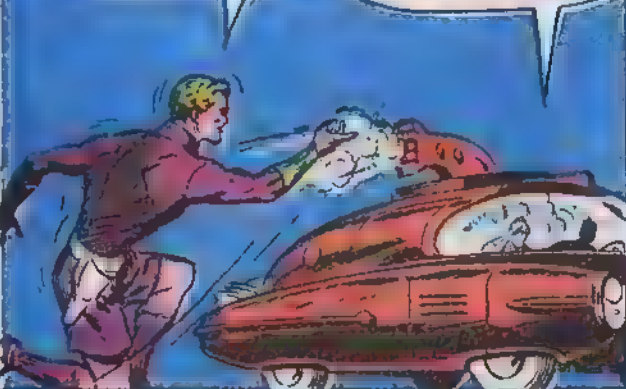
LOOK... IT'S THAT PLANETEER! HE'S ON TO OUR GAME! I'LL USE THE SUCTION TO DRAW HIM OFF HIS FEET... THAT'LL FIX HIM!



BUT AS THE POWERFUL SUCTION GRASPS HIM, THE QUICK-THINKING TOMMY ACTS... YOW!

THIS LOOSE SAND OUGHT TO HELP!

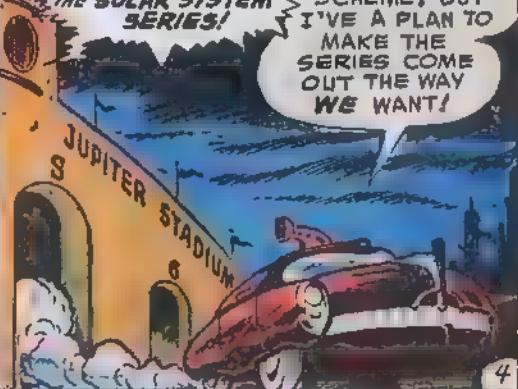
IT'S IN MY EYES! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE -- FAST!



THUS, WITH THE PLOTTING GAMBLERS OUT OF THE WAY, THE BALL GAME PROCEEDS HONESTLY...

VENUS WINS! VENUS WILL PLAY MARS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM SERIES!

THAT PLANETEER SPOILED OUR SCHEME! BUT I'VE A PLAN TO MAKE THE SERIES COME OUT THE WAY WE WANT!



NOR IS THIS THE LAST OF TOMMY'S TROUBLES--FOR WHEN THE GALA SERIES GETS UNDER WAY ON MARS...

COLONEL TOMORROW, BECAUSE YOU FOUNDED OUR BASEBALL LEAGUE, YOU'VE BEEN NAMED TO UMPIRE THE SERIES!

OH, NO! BR--I MEAN... IT'LL BE AN HONOR!



EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH AS THE TEAM FROM VENUS ARRIVES FOR THE FIRST GAME...

THE AIR'S SO COLD AND THIN HERE, WE HAVE TO WEAR SPACE-SUITS!

WELL, THE DISADVANTAGE WILL BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND WHEN THE MARTIANS PLAY ON YOUR HOT PLANET! PLAY BALL!



BUT NO SOONER HAS THE GAME STARTED THAN THE HANDICAPPED VENUSIANS SHOW UNPRECEDENTED SPEED...

HE'S OUT!

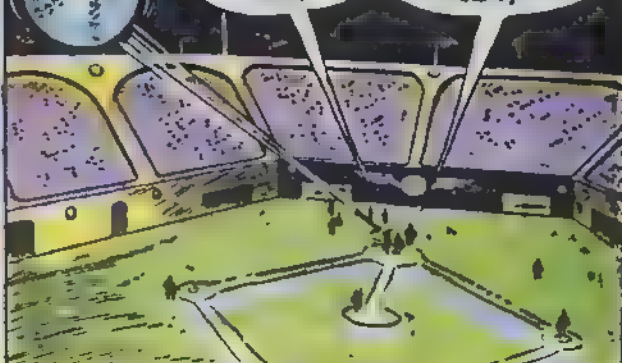
ANOTHER UNASSISTED DOUBLE-PLAY BY THE VENUSIANS! IT'S INCREDIBLE!



AND AT BAT, THE UNDERDOG TEAM CONTINUES TO PLAY SUPER-BASEBALL...

WOW! HE HIT THE BALL CLEAR OFF MARS!

THERE'S NOTHING IN THE RULES AGAINST THAT! IT'S A HOME RUN!



THEN, AS A RATTLED MARTIAN HURLER THROWS A WILD PITCH...

THE BALL HIT THE BATTER. HE GOES TO FIRST BASE!

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING QUEER ABOUT THESE VENUSIAN BALL PLAYERS!



FINALLY, WHEN THE GAME ENDS...

STRIKE THREE-- HE'S OUT!

HMM--THIS OXYGEN GADGET... NOW I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

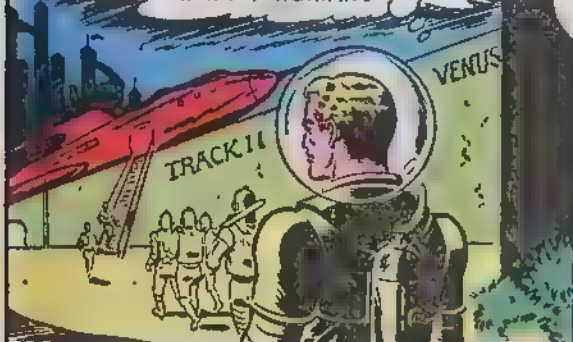
IT'S THE LAST OUT--VENUS WINS, 44 TO 0! WHAT AN UPSET!





AND AS THE VENUSIAN PLAYERS RETURN TO THE SHIP THAT IS THEIR QUARTERS...

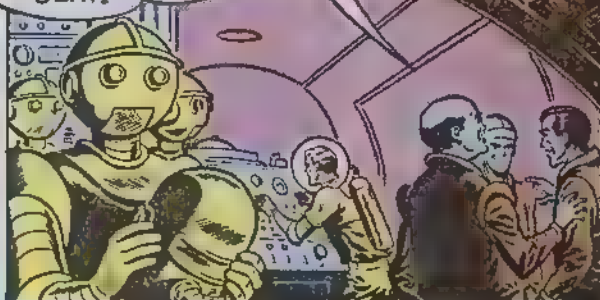
THAT BATTER'S SPACE-SUIT OXYGEN TUBE WAS SMASHED BY THE BALL THAT HIT HIM, SO HE COULDN'T BREATHE... YET IT DIDN'T BOTHER HIM! THAT MEANS THESE "VENUSIANS" AREN'T HUMAN!



AND TOMMY IS RIGHT--FOR WHEN THE "VENUSIANS" REMOVE THEIR SPACE-SUITS INSIDE THE SHIP...

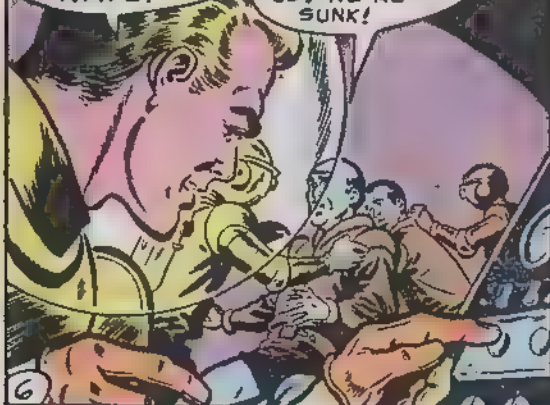
HA, HA... THEY NEVER GUESSED WE SNATCHED THE REAL VENUSIAN TEAM AND SUBSTITUTED REMOTE-CONTROLLED ROBOTS THAT NOBODY COULD BEAT!

WAIT, BOSS-- LOOK! THERE'S ONE EXTRA... IT CAN'T BE A ROBOT!



YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT THIS SWITCHBOARD WILL COME IN HANDY TO ROUND UP RATS!

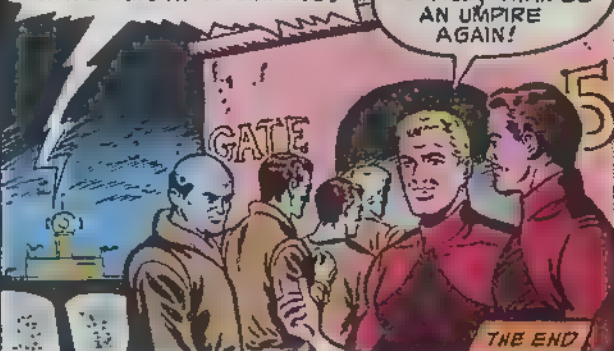
HE'S USING THE CONTROLS TO MAKE OUR OWN ROBOTS GRAB US! WE'RE SUNK!



AND SO, AFTER THE KIDNAPPED TEAM IS FREED...

...SO THE FIRST GAME IS ANNULLED, AND THE REAL SERIES STARTS TOMORROW! BUT SINCE COLONEL TOMORROW MUST TAKE THE CROOKS TO EARTH, WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER UMPIRE!

WHAT A RELIEF! I'D RATHER TACKLE ANY MISSION IN SPACE, THAN BE AN UMPIRE AGAIN!



THE END

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THE MAGIC NYLONS

The Trick: Hold an ordinary grocery paper bag up to the audience and turn it down to prove it's empty. You can allow the audience to look into it while you hold it. You then blow up the paper bag and smash it between your hands. The report has hardly died out when, out of the torn bag, you produce a full-sized lady's nylon stocking.



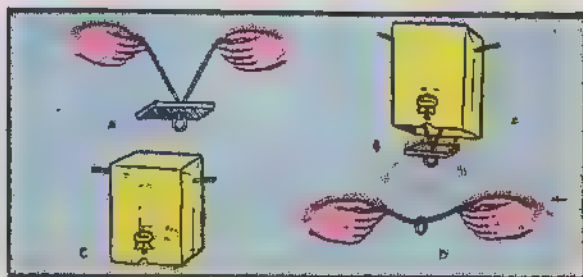
The Secret: Get two paper bags of exactly the same type from your grocer (about 12 inches high). Cut out the side of one bag and paste it on the inside of the complete bag, thus forming a secret pocket.

Before you paste down the top of the pocket, fold the lady's stocking into about six parts and set it in. An ordinary nylon may be used. But for an amusing effect, you might dye it with Tintex, obtainable at dime stores.

You can freely show the inside of the bag to the audience, as you hold it in your hands. If you have done your job neatly, the double wall is undetectable. For even greater effect, you can even have some youngster in the audience blow up the bag and break it.

ELASTIC WEDDING RING

The Trick: You push the end of a long shoelace through a wedding ring. Then, both ends of the string through a 1/4" hole in a wooden block.



Insert each end through holes in a paper grocery bag and ask two members of the audience to hold the ends firmly. As they tighten the string, the wooden block slips off and they are left holding the string ends with the ring dangling freely.

The Mystery: How was the block removed from a one-inch wedding ring, if there is only a 1/4-inch hole in the wood?

The Secret: Buy two brass wedding rings in the 10c store and, with a hacksaw, slit one of them. Next paste a piece of bag paper to the inside of the bag near the mouth. Paste is applied only on three sides; the side facing the closed end of the bag is left open to form a pocket.

Then, make a similar pocket on the other side of the bag near the closed end and put the solid ring inside of it. (See figure)

The wooden block is a simple affair—a four-inch square with a 1/4" hole bored through it.

As you face your audience, thread the slit ring onto the shoelace, making sure that the lace covers the slit in the ring.

Show the audience the empty bag. As you hold it up, open end downward, make two holes near the top with a pencil, being sure that one hole goes through the center of the solid ring, and the other hole opposite it.

Utter some "magic" words, reach up into the bag, quickly remove the slit ring and drop it into the lower empty pocket.

You can now withdraw the block of wood. Rip the bag off the shoelace and, as you crumple the bag, your two aides are holding the lace with the solid ring threaded on it.

"I CAN READ YOUR MIND"

The Trick: You ask each member of the audience to mention the name of a former President of the United States—any one. As each name is written, you write it on a sheet of paper. Fold each slip into a small packet and throw it into a paper grocery bag. Shake the bag, mixing the papers.

Tell your audience to concentrate on the names they wrote. Reach into the bag and remove one of the folded packets. Before it is opened you say, "One President seems to have been in the minds of this audience. The name of that President is Roosevelt." Let *someone* else open the packet. Inside—sure enough—is the name Roosevelt.



The Secret: Like all good tricks, it's easy—when you know how. As the different names are called, write the name Roosevelt on each piece of paper. The rest is simple.

But to convince your audience that there has been no "trickery," while the slip of paper is being opened, put the bag with the rest of the names in your pocket and, from the same pocket, withdraw a *duplicate* bag with similarly folded packets containing *assorted* names. If someone asks you to see the bag, simply give him the *duplicate* bag and—wonder of wonders

—you have correctly selected one name from many.

The trick is more mysterious if you announce an unusual name like Van Buren, or Harrison, McKinley, or someone fairly remote from the present.

THE GREAT PAPER BAG MYSTERY

The Trick: You show an ordinary small paper grocery bag. Then, before the eyes of your audience, you tear it into small pieces. Suddenly you restore the bag, whole and un-torn.



The Secret: You will need two paper grocery bags, fairly small ones (about 5 x 8 inches). Fold one bag as small as possible and place it in your left hand. As you hold the other paper bag before your audience, you keep the first one concealed in one corner of the bag you are holding up, but on the side away from your audience.

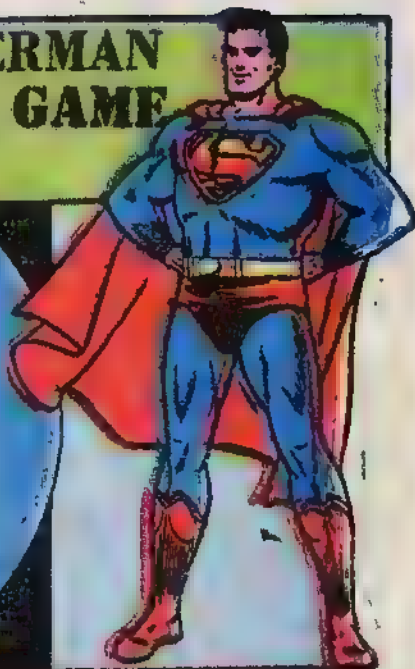
You show the bag to be empty by opening up the mouth and letting your audience look into it. Then carefully tear the bag into parts, still holding the folded bag away from your viewers.

Place each torn part in front of the folded bag. Do this ostentatiously as you keep up a line of patter.

Finally, you take the torn pieces into your right hand, waving them before your audience, meanwhile carefully palming the folded bag in your left. Put the torn pieces in your right-hand pocket, and take a 50c coin which you have had there. Wave it over the folded bag in the left hand, now tightened into a fist, saying something about the "magic coin" given you by Harry Houdini, etc.

Then, open your left hand and show the audience the whole paper bag.

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**SUPERGRAM***the* **SUPERMAN
PUZZLE GAME***Comic
Clue*

1	UNFOLD OR OPEN	U	N	I	R	A	P
2	MODEST IN MANNER	H	U	M	B	L	E
3	A SHRILL CRY	S	G	U	E	A	L
4	A MONTH	A	U	G	U	S	T
5	A WIDE STREET	A	V	E	N	U	E
6	A CHEST OF DRAWERS	B	U	R	E	A	U

DIRECTIONS

THE ANSWER TO THE COMIC CLUE IS A SIX-LETTER WORD. HERE'S HOW YOU FIND IT-- SIX MISSING WORDS ARE DEFINED ABOVE. ONE LETTER IN EACH MISSING WORD HAS ALREADY BEEN INSERTED. PRINT THE 6 WORDS, A LETTER TO A SQUARE. THIS DONE CORRECTLY, YOU MAY NOW ARRANGE THE ENCIRCLED LETTERS TO SPELL THE ANSWER TO THE COMIC CLUE. THINKING CAP ON-- PENCIL READY? HAVE FUN!

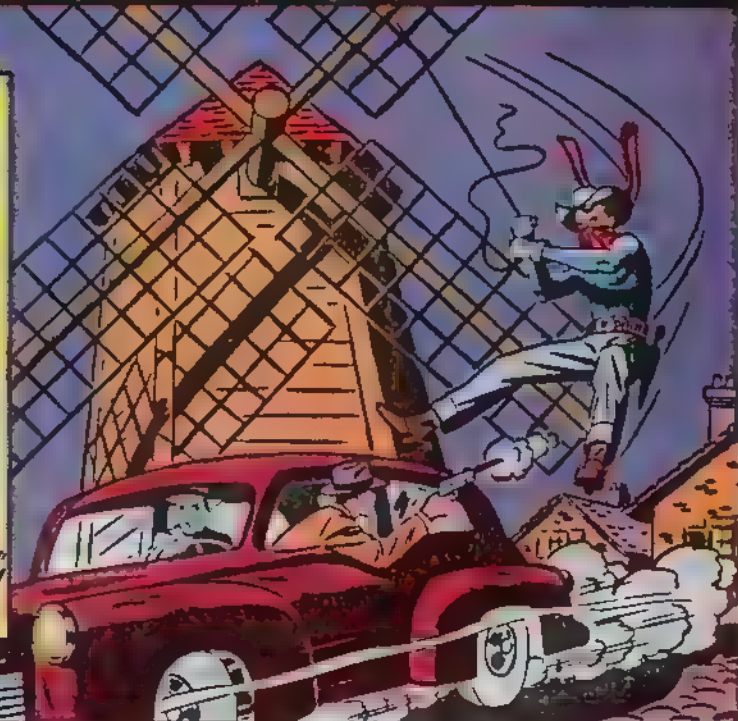
Answer

1- UNWRAP 2- HUMBLE 3- SQUEAL 4- AUGUST
5- AVENUE 6- BUREAU (Comic Clue Answer - LUMBER)

VIGILANTE

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC GOES GREG SANDERS, THE PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR, FOR A SINGING TOUR THROUGH FOREIGN LANDS. A COLORFUL TRIP INDEED, UNTIL SINISTER EVENTS OCCUR WHICH SUMMON GREG'S OTHER SELF--THE **VIGILANTE**, MASKED DEPUTY OF JUSTICE! THUS, IN A BRAND-NEW ROLE, THE BLUE-SHIRTED LAWMAN BATTLES A FAR-FLUNG NETWORK OF CRIME AS HE BECOMES...

**VIGILANTE--
FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT!**



AS A GREAT LINER FLIES THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, OVER THE SHIP'S LOUDSPEAKERS COMES A FAMILIAR SINGING VOICE...

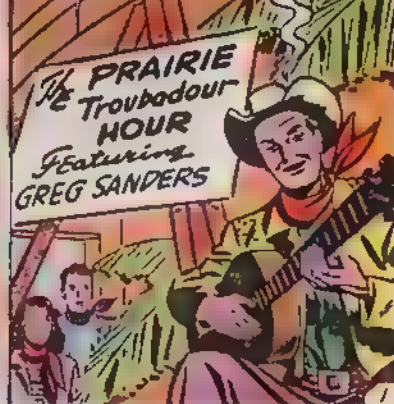
I DRIFTED INTO TUMBLEWEED TOWN ♪ ♪ ♪
JUST WHEN THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN... ♪

THAT GUITAR--THAT SINGING! BACK HOME I USED TO TUNE IN GREG SANDERS, THE PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR, EVERY NIGHT! NEVER EXPECTED TO HEAR HIS VOICE WAY OUT HERE!

DIDN'T YOU KNOW, HARRY? GREG SANDERS IS ABOARD THIS SHIP!

THEN COME ON! I WANT TO SEE HIM IN PERSON!

I'M IN NO HURRY, I'M GONNA HANG AROUND... THE HAPPY FOLKS OF TUMBLEWEED TOWN! ♪



AT THE PROGRAM'S END...

NEVER MISSED
ONE OF YOUR
SHOWS BACK
HOME, GREG!
IT'S A PLEASURE
TO SEE YOU
ABOARD! GOING
TO EUROPE, EH?

YES--ON A
MONTH'S TOUR!
SEEMS THAT
EUROPEANS
LIKE WESTERN
BALLADS ALSO!
I UNDERSTAND
I EVEN HAVE
FAN CLUBS
ABROAD!

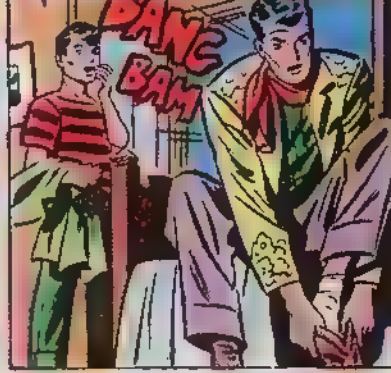
LONDON! PARIS! AND GREG
SANDERS FAN CLUBS LEAVE
THE FAMED BALLADEER FEW
MOMENTS OF REST!

COME ON, STUFF! HURRY--OR
THEY'LL HAVE US UP ALL NIGHT!
AND I'M JUST ABOUT PLAYED
OUT!

ALONE THAT NIGHT, IN A LITTLE
ROOM ON THE NARROW, WINDING
STREETS OF MONTMARTRE...ALL
IS QUIET, UNTIL, SUDDENLY...

AM I TIRED!
HO HUM (YAWN)--
WHAT A DAY!

(YAWN)
ME TOO!



AT THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE FROM WITHOUT, GREG
SANDERS INSTINCTIVELY REACHES FOR A
FAMILIAR COSTUME...

BUT A TIRED GREG SANDERS
CAN'T PREVENT THE VIGILANTE
FROM GOING INTO ACTION! THOSE
WERE GUNSHOTS WE HEARD!



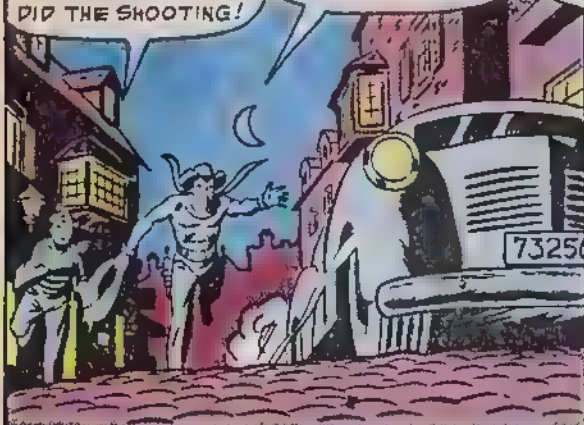
THAT FELLOW BELOW... HE'S HURT
AND IN TROUBLE!



DROPPING TO THE STREETS, THEY SEE A SEDAN
PULL AWAY...

TOO LATE! THERE
GO THE ONES WHO
DID THE SHOOTING!

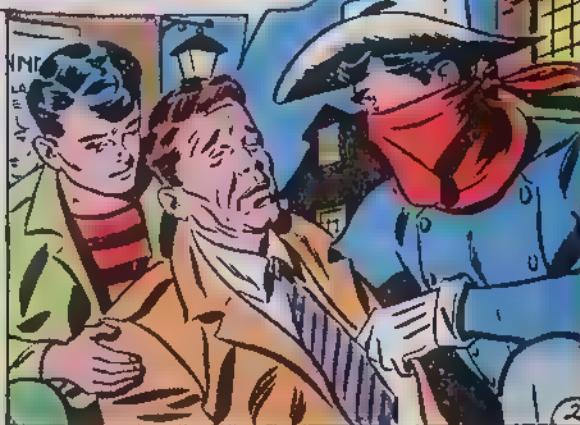
LET'S GET BACK TO
THE VICTIM! HE'LL
NEED HELP!



THEN...

I'M B.L. TURNER...
CORRESPONDENT... GET THE
PORTABLE RADIO... UNH-HH...

HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! WE
MUST GET HIM TO A
DOCTOR!





AFTERWARD, AT A HOSPITAL...

YOU GOT HIM HERE JUST IN TIME, M'SIEU! HE IS UNCONSCIOUS, YES, BUT RESTING WELL! I THINK HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

FROM HIS PAPERS I SEE HE'S BILL TURNER, FREELANCE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT! HE DIGS UP SPECIAL FEATURE STORIES FOR U.S. NEWSPAPERS!



WAIT, STUFF! IF THEY TRIED TO KILL TURNER ONCE, WHY NOT A **SECOND** TIME? THEY'LL PROBABLY CHECK UP TO SEE IF HE'S ALIVE, THEN MAYBE THEY'LL RETURN!

AND ALL FOR A PORTABLE RADIO!



AN HOUR PASSES--THEN ANOTHER... AND IN THE SHADOWS BEHIND THE HOSPITAL A CAR SLINKS TO A STOP...

OKAY--THIS TIME WE'LL FINISH HIM OFF FOR SURE! FOLLOW ME!

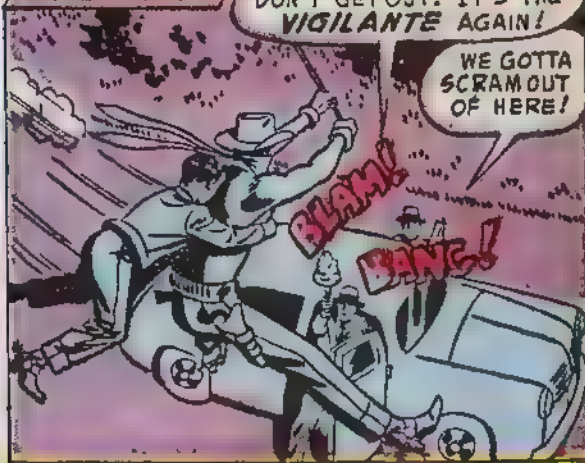
WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM BEFORE HE TALKS ABOUT THE RADIO!



AT THAT MOMENT, TWO FIGURES SWING FROM THE ROOF...

DON'T GET OUT! IT'S THE VIGILANTE AGAIN!

WE GOTTA SCRAM OUT OF HERE!



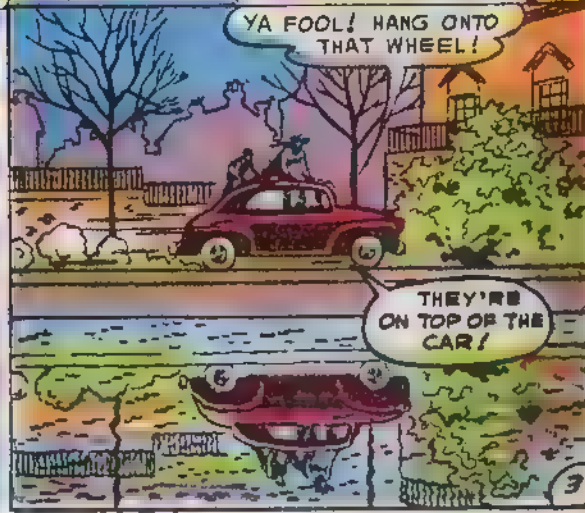
THAT PORTABLE RADIO SEEMS TO BE A MIGHTY IMPORTANT ITEM IN THIS CASE! WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE--AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS!



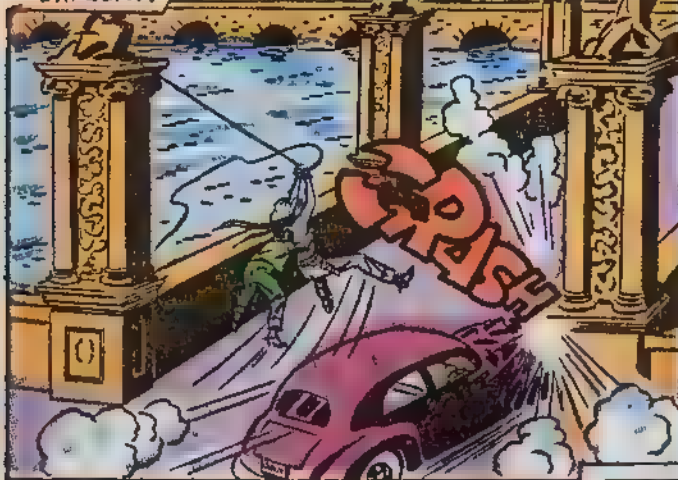
THE SEDAN ROARS ALONG THE SEINE... THEN...

YA FOOL! HANG ONTO THAT WHEEL!

THEY'RE ON TOP OF THE CAR!



GREENING WILDLY, THE CAR CRASHES AGAINST A BRIDGE ENTRANCE, JUST AS TWO FIGURES LEAP SAFELY...



THE POLICE!

WE'LL LET THEM TAKE OVER STUFF! BUT WE'RE NO CLOSER TO THAT PORTABLE RADIO NOW THAN WE WERE BEFORE! I'VE GOT TURNER'S HOME ADDRESS! LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND THERE!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN TURNER'S APARTMENT ON RUE ST. HONORÉ...

THIS IS IT! THE PORTABLE RADIO!

THE LONG SEARCH IS OVER... FROM ROTTERDAM TO LIEGE, THEN PARIS! AND IT ENDS HERE!



YES... IT ENDS HERE, INDEED! AND FOR YOU, TOO, MY ERSTWHILE COHORT! THAT RADIO IS MINE ALONE NOW!



IT IS EXACTLY TEN MINUTES LATER, WHEN...

VIG! LOOK!

MM-HLNN! SOMEONE HAD THE SAME IDEA WE HAD! LET'S LOOK AROUND!



AFTER A HURRIED SEARCH OF THE APARTMENT...

VIG! HERE'S A SLIP OF PAPER HIDDEN IN TURNER'S TOBACCO JAR!

LET ME SEE IT!



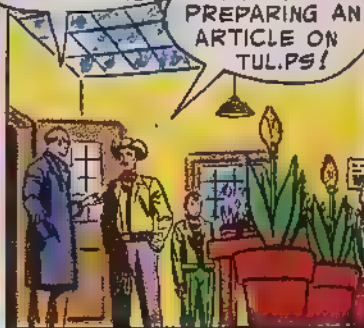
A ROTTERDAM PHONE NUMBER-- NOTHING ELSE! BUT AN IM- PORTANT NUMBER IT MUST BE, STUFF-- OR TURNER WOULDN'T HAVE HIDDEN IT IN THE TOBACCO JAR! LOOKS AS IF OUR "TOUR" 'S EXTENDED INTO HOLLAND!

ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING, IN ROTTERDAM, AT THE WORLD- WIDE TULIP EXPORT COMPANY...

WE EXPORT TULIP BULBS TO EVERY PART OF THE WORLD, MR. SANDERS! UH-- WHAT DID YOU SAY **YOUR** INTEREST IN TULIPS IS?

I'M DOING A LITTLE LEG WORK FOR A WRITER FRIEND OF MINE! HE'S PREPARING AN ARTICLE ON TULIPS!

AH! IT WOULD REQUIRE THOUSANDS OF WORDS TO TELL THE STORY OF THE TULIP! IT'S A FASCINATING SUBJECT! WELL, WE'RE CLOSING FOR THE NIGHT! I--UH-- HAVE MUCH TO DO ELSEWHERE! I'M LATE NOW!



IF YOU CARE TO RETURN TOMORROW, I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED. ASK FOR MR. DARROW, CHIEF CLERK OF THE SHIPPING DIVISION! THAT'S ME!

I'LL RETURN BEFORE TOMORROW, MR. DARROW...

AS THE VIGILANTE!

IT IS ONLY MOMENTS AFTER DARROW'S DEPARTURE WHEN THE VIGILANTE APPEARS, AND... TURNER MUST'VE HAD BUSINESS HERE OF SOME SORT-- BECAUSE THE PHONE NUMBER WE FOUND IN HIS PARIS FLAT IS THE NUMBER OF THE WORLD-WIDE TULIP EXPORT COMPANY!

AND MAYBE WE'LL ALSO FIND SOMETHING PERTAINING TO THE MYSTERIOUS RADIO!

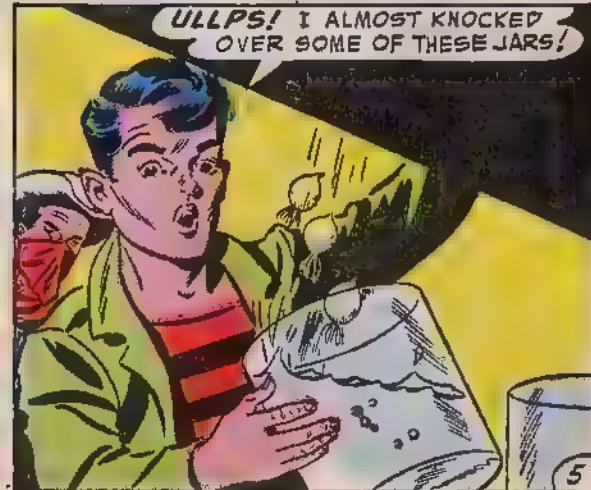


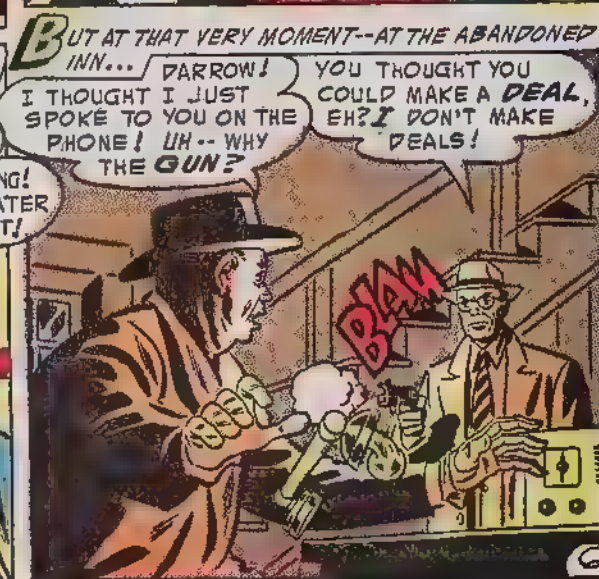
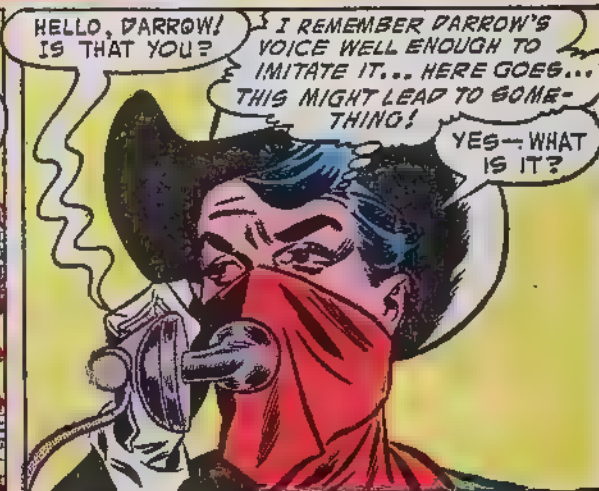
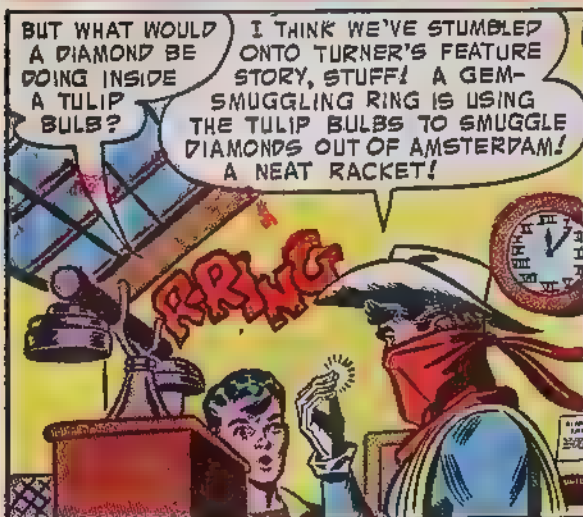
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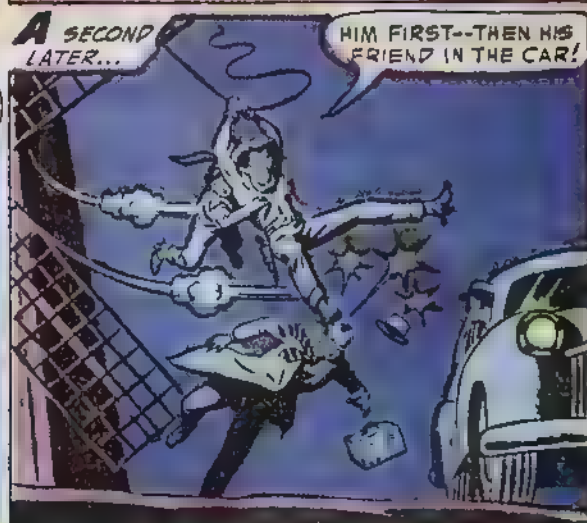
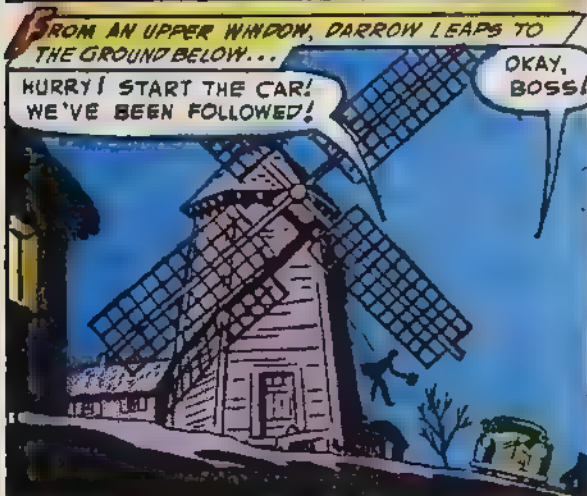
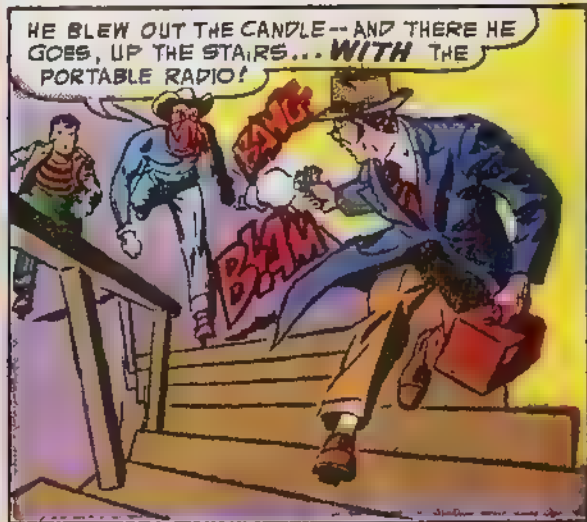
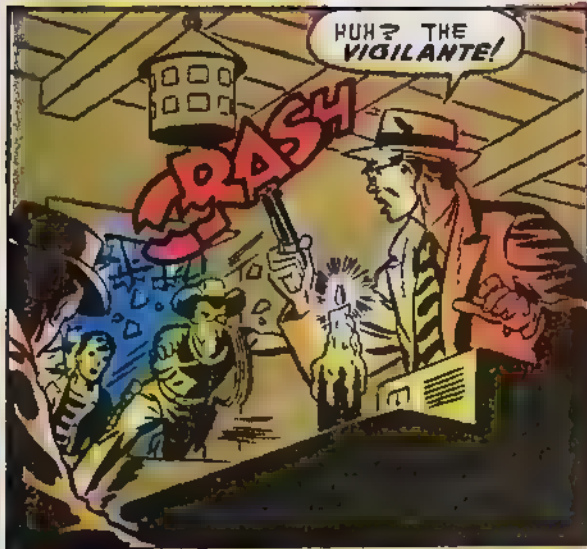


I DON'T EVEN KNOW **WHAT** WE'RE LOOKING FOR-- BUT I'D NEVER FEEL COMFORTABLE IF WE DIDN'T GIVE THIS PLACE THE ONCE-OVER! TURNER MUST'VE HAD A REASON FOR HAVING THAT PHONE NUMBER.

ULLPS! I ALMOST KNOCKED OVER SOME OF THESE JARS!









THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS RADIO, **VIGILANTE!** YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN IN THINKING THERE WAS SOMETHING VALUABLE CONNECTED WITH IT!

THERE **HAS** TO BE! IT'S CAUSED DEATH FROM PARIS TO HERE!



AS **GREG SANDERS** I'VE SEEN MANY **WIRE RECORDINGS!** THIS IS ONE!

THIS IS NO COMMON LOOP AERIAL! IT'S A RECORDING-- ON WIRE!

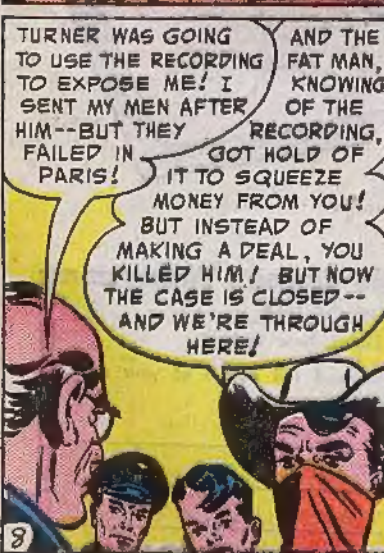


ALL RIGHT, DARROW, YOU'RE THE BOSS! WHATEVER YOU SAY GOES! I'LL TELL THE BOYS IN THE STATES TO RAISE THE PRICE ON THE DIAMOND SHIPMENTS...

I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH...

YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE SMUGGLING RING, DARROW! YOU TOOK A JOB IN THE TULIP SHIPPING DEPARTMENT SO YOU COULD SMUGGLE OUT BULBS WITH DIAMONDS IN THEM!

AND THAT SNOOPY CORRESPONDENT GOT ON MY TRAIL, AND RECORDED ONE OF MY CONVERSATIONS. HE HID THE WIRE ON THE RADIO, DISGUISED AS AN AERIAL!



TURNER WAS GOING TO USE THE RECORDING TO EXPOSE ME! I SENT MY MEN AFTER HIM--BUT THEY FAILED IN PARIS!

AND THE FAT MAN, KNOWING OF THE RECORDING, GOT HOLD OF IT TO SQUEEZE MONEY FROM YOU! BUT INSTEAD OF MAKING A DEAL, YOU KILLED HIM! BUT NOW THE CASE IS CLOSED-- AND WE'RE THROUGH HERE!



HERE'S YOUR STORY, MR. TURNER! ALL WRAPPED UP! IT TELLS ALL ABOUT THE SMUGGLING GANG--THE WIRE RECORDING--AND THE CAPTURE OF THE RING-LEADER!

SO YOU TURNED WRITER ON THIS CASE, EH, **VIG?** WELL, LET'S HAVE THAT MANUSCRIPT!



SMUGGLING RACKET SMASHED IN EUROPE BY **BILL TURNER** and the *Vigilante*

THE END.

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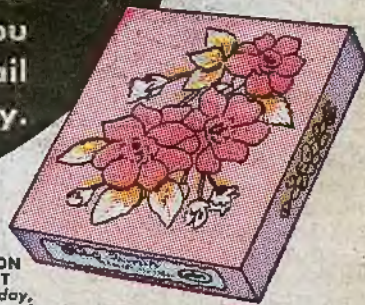
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Hi
Pal!
Win
\$100

as I
just
did!

YOU CAN
WIN
a BIG 15"
SILVER CUP
as I just did!
with YOUR
NAME
engraved
on it!



JIM NORMAN

AFTER

He Mailed Coupon
Below is Cleveland

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon



90 lb.
Skeleton

He says,
I gained
70 lbs.
of
mighty
muscle

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

IN 10 MINUTES OF
FUN A DAY

YOU Can do ALL I did!

I gained 25 Terrific LBS. of **HANDSOME
POWER-PACKED MUSCLES** all over!

I improved my **HE-MAN LOOKS 1000%**

I won **NEW STRENGTH**

for money-making work!
for WINNING at all SPORTS!

I won **NEW POPULARITY**

Won NEW FRIENDS, BOYS & GIRLS
NEW CHANCES for BUSINESS SUCCESS

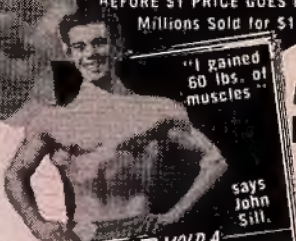


BEFORE

How did I do ALL This? I
mailed the Coupon and got
These **5** PICTURE-PACKED
HE-MAN COURSES

Which YOU can NOW get FREE

BEFORE \$1 PRICE GOES BACK
Millions Sold for \$1



"I gained
60 lbs. of
muscles"

says
John
Sill.

**HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY CHEST**

By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"I added
7 inches to
my
CHEST
3 inches to
each
ARM,"
says
Jobie
Jackson

**HOW TO MOLD A
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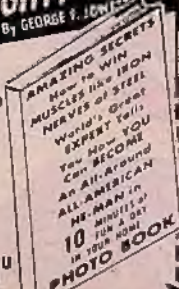
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YOU HOW YOU
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an ALL-AROUND
HE-MAN in
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DAY
IN YOUR HOME
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GET
ALL 5
FREE



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"I'm
PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
Every-
body
admires
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
He amazes his friends!"



You'll be
A Real
ATHLETE
in ALL
SPORTS
Soon
after
YOU
mail
Coupon.

Jim is a WINNER
in ALL SPORTS NOW.
YOU will be, too, soon.

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby
you are I'll make you OVER by the
SAME method I turned myself from a
wreck to the strongest of the strong.
Why can't I do for you what I did for
MANY THOUSANDS of skinny fellows
like You?

"Congratulations,
John! At last you
mailed the coupon
as EVERY MAN
should. Soon You'll
be as big and strong
as I am,"
says Jim Norman
to John Luckus

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
Gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

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MUSCLE added to your ARMS and
CHEST. Your BACK and SHOULDERS
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gain SIZE, POWER, SPEED. You'll be A
WINNER in EVERYTHING you tackle.



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